

EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution No. 11-16/17

Board of Trustees Commitment to the Education of All Children and Making all Campuses a Safe Zone for Students and Families Threatened by Immigration Enforcement

WHEREAS: The El Monte Union High School District (EMUHSD) and the communities it serves, is the home and workplace of many immigrant communities, including persons with both documented and

WHEREAS: All students have a right to attend school regardless of their immigration status. The United States Supreme Court in 1982 ruled in Plyler v. Doe that public schools were prohibited from denying students access to education and to students public education based on their immigration status, citing that children have little control over their immigration status, the high cost of it would affect on the child and society itself, and constitutional equal protection rights that

WHEREAS: In November 9, 2017, the United States Supreme Court granted the government's request to

WHEREAS: While there are no accurate numbers of how many undocumented children are enrolled in our District's public schools, approximately 25% of our District's students speak another language at home and more than 2 languages are spoken by families whose children are enrolled in our District, and

WHEREAS: In the last few months, federal, state and local government officials throughout the country have proposed or passed laws and ordinances that strip or threaten the life of undocumented immigrants by cutting off opportunities for jobs, government benefits, housing, and imposing fines on companies employing undocumented immigrants, thereby increasing tensions in immigrant communities, and

WHEREAS: Reports of partial raids by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office (ICE)

WHEREAS: ICE activities in and around schools, early education centers, and adult school facilities

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT hereby resolves to collaborate with our

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school services, including free lunch, free breakfast, transportation, and educational services, even if they or their family are undocumented and do not have a social security number and that no school district staff shall take any steps that would deny students access to education based on their immigration status or any steps that would "chill" the Plyler rights of these students to public education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board declares that every District site is a safe place for all

students and encourages the Superintendent to increase and enhance partnerships with

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: In order to provide a public education, regardless of a child's or family's immigration status, absent any applicable federal, state, local law or regulation or local ordinance or court decision, the District shall abide by the following conduct:

District shall not allow ICE to conduct student identification, residency determination purposes on the

documents can be released to ICE.

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RESOLVED: That the Board instructs the Superintendent to distribute copies of this Resolution, translated into all appropriate languages, to all school sites, and ensure that the District's DELAC - District English Learner Advisory Committee, ELACs - English Learners Advisory Committees, all

district stakeholders, and immigrant community organizations are consulted and involved in monitoring the successful implementation of this policy.

Approved and Adopted by the El Monte Union High School District Board of Trustees at its meeting

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