



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.1

Meeting Date: March 6, 2025

Subject: Safe Haven Board Resolution

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Academic Office, Curriculum & Instruction Department

Recommendation: None

Background/Rationale: Since 2017, SCUSD has proudly called itself a Safe Haven School District – a title that reflects our unwavering commitment to the education and well-being of all students no matter their immigration status, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race, religion, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status or beliefs. This resolution re-affirms and updates our Safe Haven status with updated & current language and actions.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Goal 2: Improving Academic Outcomes, Goal 3: Creating a Welcoming and Safe Culture & Climate for students/families

Documents Attached:

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes

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Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 3480

Safe Haven Board Resolution

WHEREAS, In 2016, The Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education (Board of Education) passed Resolution 2915, declaring Sacramento City Unified School District (District) a Safe Haven School District that is committed to the safety, support and success of all students regardless of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, gender identity, socio-economic status, or beliefs.

WHEREAS, The District supports participation of all families in schools, acknowledging and embracing the fact that the United States has been built and enriched by diverse peoples, including indigenous communities and generations of immigrants both documented and undocumented.

WHEREAS, Education plays a critical role in being a great equalizer for students who are historically marginalized in our society, creating an environment where students have the support, resources, and opportunities to succeed both academically and personally.

WHEREAS, In 1982, the United States Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling in Plyer v. Doe affirming that all students must be provided equal access to a free, public K-12 education regardless of their immigration status.

WHEREAS, The executive branch of the federal government in January 2025, directed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to end its longstanding policy of identifying schools, churches and hospitals as sensitive locations where enforcement actions would not be conducted, absent limited specific exceptions.

WHEREAS, state and federal laws prohibit educational agencies from disclosing personally identifiable student information to law enforcement without the consent of a parent or guardian, a court order or lawful subpoena or in the case of a health emergency.

WHEREAS, The District does not ask, nor record, any information related to students' immigration status and has a substantial, albeit unknown number of undocumented families enrolled.

WHEREAS, The potential for raids by ICE have exacerbated fear and anxiety within immigrant communities, intensifying concerns about the current climate and increased risk of deportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Board of Education reaffirms its Safe Haven status for all students. ICE, or any law enforcement agency acting on its behalf, shall not have non-public access to any District school or facility without a valid judicial warrant or court order. Any such request will be reviewed by the Superintendent's Office before access is granted, unless exigent circumstances exist and in accordance with applicable laws.

RESOLVED FURTHER, The District, in partnership with legal advisors, has informed and trained site administrators, office staff, mental health support staff, and after school staff on our current Safe Haven policy and procedures for interacting with law enforcement, including ICE.

RESOLVED FURTHER, Sacramento City Unified School District will hold “Know Your Rights” community educational sessions in each Trustee Area to provide immigration related information, resources, and support to students and families. Additionally, school sites have red cards available to families informing them of their rights during an encounter with immigration enforcement.

RESOLVED FURTHER, as a Safe Haven district, SCUSD is committed to ensuring our educational environments are physically, socially, and emotionally safe. To support this commitment, educators will continue to receive training and resources to advance their growth as Anti-Bias/Anti-Racist educators. Additionally, the district will uphold and encourage staff engagement in conversations aligned with Board Policy 6144, which supports educators in teaching and discussing controversial issues.

RESOLVED FURTHER, Sacramento City Unified prioritizes student voice and will continue to collaborate with the Student Advisory Council to gather student insights on the culture and climate of our campuses. Additionally, the district will actively engage the Student Advisory Council in future planning efforts to foster a more equitable, and informed, school culture across all campuses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 6th day of March, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Lisa Allen
Secretary of the Board of Education

Jasjit Singh
President of the Board of Education