

SANTA CRUZ CITY SCHOOLS
Resolution 14-16-17
In Support of Immigrant Students

WHEREAS the Board of Education for Santa Cruz City Schools is committed to the success of every student in each of our schools, and our District vision is that we create and support a learning environment that challenges and enables students to achieve their highest potentials, and

WHEREAS our core values are that public schools are the foundation of our democracy, that every person has intrinsic worth, that we believe in treating people with dignity and respect, that high standards and expectations foster greater achievement, that each of us shares responsibility for the welfare of our community, that diversity is an asset in our community, that honesty and integrity are essential in building relationships, that schools must provide access and equity, that people thrive in safe environments, and

WHEREAS the Board believes that the physical safety and the emotional well-being of all children in the District, and ensuring that our schools are safe and welcoming for all students and their families is paramount to students being able to achieve, and Santa Cruz City Schools does not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment or bullying as outlined in Board Policy 5145.3, and

WHEREAS Santa Cruz City Schools staff shall not ask about a student's immigration status or that of the student's family members, and pursuant to Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) shall not disclose without parental consent, the immigration status of any Santa Cruz City Schools student or any other personal information, and

WHEREAS the Superintendent will ensure the annual review of FERPA with all teachers and school office employees,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Santa Cruz City Schools go on record in support of all immigrant and undocumented students and their families, as well as students from other vulnerable communities; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the District will not support any federal effort to create a registry based on any protected characteristics including race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or based on his/her association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of Santa Cruz City Schools, the Superintendent and staff will continue to work every day to create positive school climates and cultures where every student, family and staff member is respected as a valued member of the school community, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Governing Board of Santa Cruz City Schools will advocate on behalf of the rights of all students and their families.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Board President: Alisun Thompson _____

Date: _____