

**Resolution To Assure All Students Are Safe And Welcome In AAPS
Regardless Of Immigration Status**

A meeting of the Board of Education of the Ann Arbor Public Schools was held at Pioneer High School, 601 W. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI on February 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Christine Stead, President.

Present: Susan Baskett, Jeff Gaynor, Jessica Kelly, Simone Lightfoot, Patricia Manley, Harmony Mitchell, Christine Stead

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Gaynor and supported by Member Baskett:

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, regardless of immigration status, to access a free and appropriate public education; and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor Public Schools have a responsibility to ensure that all students who reside within its boundaries, regardless of immigration status, can safely access a free and appropriate public education; and

WHEREAS, through its policies and practices, the Ann Arbor Public Schools have made a commitment to welcoming and supporting all students, and to providing a quality education for all students, which includes a safe and stable learning environment, the preservation of classroom hours for educational instruction, and the requirement of school attendance; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy characterizes public schools as "sensitive locations," places where, in the normal course, enforcement actions should not occur; and

WHEREAS, parents and students have expressed to the Ann Arbor Public Schools fear and confusion about the continued physical and emotional safety of all students as well as the right to access a free and appropriate public education; and

WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education fully supports the Superintendent's Statement of January 30, 2017, regarding the District's position on immigrant and refugee students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education reaffirms its commitment to equal opportunity for all students residing in the district to attend, and to enjoy all opportunities and benefits available in the Ann Arbor Public Schools, regardless of ethnicity, race, or immigration status, and free from harassment or intimidation, for so long as they may reside here; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in its continued commitment to the protection of student privacy, the Ann Arbor Public Schools shall ensure that no data is being collected with respect to students' immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it continues to be the policy of the Ann Arbor Public Schools not to allow any individual or organization to enter a school site if the educational setting would be disrupted by that visit; any request by the U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement Office (ICE), state or local law enforcement agencies acting on behalf of ICE, or agents or officers for any federal, state, or local agency attempting to enforce federal immigration laws to visit a school site should be presented to the Superintendent's Office for review as to whether access to the site is permitted by law, a signed judicial warrant is required, or any other legal considerations apply; this review should be made expeditiously, but before any immigration law enforcement agent or officer appears at a school site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should ICE or other immigration law enforcement agents request any student information, the request should be referred to the Superintendent's Office to ensure compliance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), student constitutional privacy, standards for a judicial warrant, and any other limitation on disclosure; this review should be conducted expeditiously, but before any production of information is made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education directs the Executive Assistant of the Ann Arbor Public Schools Board of Education to transmit copies of this resolution to:


Donald J. Trump, President of the United States
Betsy DeVos, U.S. Secretary of Education
U.S. Senators Stabenow and Peters, and U.S. Rep Dingell
Brian J. Whiston, State Superintendent (Michigan)
All members of the State Board of Education (Michigan)
Brenda Carter, President, Michigan Association of School Boards
Don Wortuba, Executive Director, Michigan Association of School Boards
Michigan Association of School Administrators
National Association of School Boards
American Association of School Administrators
Local print, voice, and Internet media

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Ayes: Baskett, Gaynor, Kelly, Lightfoot, Manley, Mitchell, Stead


Nays: None.

Resolution declared adopted.



Jeff Gaynor
Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Ann Arbor Public Schools, Ann Arbor, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a Regular meeting held on February 8, 2017, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that the notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.



Jeff Gaynor
Secretary, Board of Education