

RESOLUTION

BY THE *San Bernardino County*
BOARD OF EDUCATION



WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America recognizes every individual's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Board of Education is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment that ensures both the physical and emotional safety of all students and seeks to establish the conditions necessary to foster academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Board of Education affirms that our schools shall be safe, inclusive, supportive, and engaging environments providing equal and equitable learning environment for the success of all students through extraordinary service, support, and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, public schools in California are subject to all federal and state laws and constitutional protections prohibiting discrimination based on national origin, immigration status, socio-economic status or beliefs, race, gender, sexual orientation, sex and gender identity, transgender status, religion, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy status, veteran status, or disability; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in 1982 ruled in Plyler v. Doe that public schools were prohibited from denying immigrant students access to elementary and secondary public education, and that undocumented children are entitled to equal access to a public elementary and secondary education, regardless of their or their parents' actual or perceived national origin, citizenship, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Citizenship and Immigration services (USCIS), as of March 2017, some 887,000 individuals had applied for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and 788,000 applications had been approved; and

WHEREAS, the letter signed by more than 400 Chief Executive Officers of America's largest corporation's states that "97% of (DACA participants) are in school or in the workforce" and "the US economy would lose \$460.3 billion from the national GDP and \$24.6 billion in social Security and Medicare tax contributions;" and

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County Board of Education maintains our commitment to remaining nonpartisan, however, we must respond to the concerns that have been expressed by our students, families and staff because of recent actions at the local, state and federal level which could result in the deportation of our students; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, San Bernardino County Board of Education urges members of Congress, including our own senators and representatives, to take bipartisan action to pass legislation that provides a solution to DACA participants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be made available to members of the public and press upon request.

Adopted: December 4, 2017


County Board President


County Superintendent