

**ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ALHAMBRA, CA**

RESOLUTION No. 16-17-16

Resolution Regarding the Board’s Commitment to Ensure Safe Haven

WHEREAS, Alhambra Unified School District will ensure that *every* student develops the enduring knowledge, skills and character to thrive in a changing world; and,

WHEREAS, our community commitments state that our schools will create safe and caring environments and that our schools will foster a culture of trust and respect among all stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, as outlined in our Alhambra Unified School District nondiscrimination policy, we commit to providing a safe environment where all are treated equally regardless of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, age, immigration status, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity, disability, or need for special education services. This means that all children are embraced as full members of our school community, and that all students have a right to an education, regardless of any differences, including immigration status; and,

WHEREAS, public schools and school districts in California are subject to all federal and state laws and constitutional provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy status, veteran status, or disability; and,

WHEREAS, any resident of the state of California who has attained the age of eligibility and is under the age of 21 years is entitled to attend public school in the school district where he or she is a resident; and,

WHEREAS, under United States Supreme Court law, all children are entitled to a public education regardless of their immigration status or the status of their parents; and,

WHEREAS, it is not the mission, purpose or role of the Alhambra Unified School District to determine the citizenship or immigration status of any of its students or families, nor to enforce federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, as a school district, we maintain our commitment to remaining nonpartisan on politics; however, we want to respond to the fear and anxiety some are currently experiencing, knowing that our primary responsibility is to take care of our children.

WHEREAS, we want our community to know that schools and classrooms are safe and inclusive places for all students and all families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alhambra Unified School District Board of Education publicly affirms that our schools shall be safe, inclusive, supportive, and positive environments and shall provide a haven for all students and their families. We commit to the following:

- All students have a legal right to an education regardless of any differences, including immigration status. We will continue to advocate for and embrace all students as full members of our school community.
- We will continue to take any and all actions authorized by law and our policies to provide equal opportunities and safe learning spaces for all of our students.
- Our schools will remain safe and supportive spaces for students and families, free from intimidation, hostility, or violence, including threat of deportation.
- We do not collaborate with immigration enforcement agencies or share information that could put a student’s security at risk.
- Alhambra Unified School District teachers, staff, and board members will model the behavior we hope to teach including listening before speaking, seeking mutual understanding, treating one another with respect, communicating honestly, and avoiding inflammatory rhetoric.
- We will continue to listen to the needs of all of our students and families by hosting meetings and engaging in conversations so that we can learn from those who are impacted before we assume what actions to take.
- We will continue to teach tolerance and inclusion in our schools, set clear and high expectations for how we treat one another, and encourage and equip our educators to address difficult issues around race, discrimination and other challenges with students.
- We will not base our decisions on speculation or rumor about what may or may not happen.
- We will continue to create a sense of belonging for all -- building a larger circle of “we” and a broader understanding of our commonalities and differences.
- We will act where we have influence and make a difference wherever we can.

All students should be able to access their education without fear or limitation on the possibilities for the future, in an environment that encourages them to realize their dreams. The Alhambra Unified School District will do everything it can to remove limitations and to nurture and prepare our students to thrive in a changing world.

The foregoing resolution was PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Education meeting of the Alhambra Unified School District this 10^h of January 2017.

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

Date: _____

By: _____
President, Board of Education

Date: _____

By: _____
Secretary to the Board of Education