

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 07-17/18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN SUPPORT OF THE DEFERRED  
ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the El Monte Union High School District (“District”) embraces the diversity of our students, families and staff and the rich language and cultural assets they bring to our District and strongly supports and encourages the participation of all parents and families in our schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that all people should have the opportunity to reach their full educational potential in a climate of respect and inclusion and in an educational environment that protects students from pressures and intrusive actions that would disrupt or impair their education and is committed to serving all students; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is proud to serve its community and is committed to following the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.1 et seq., and the California Education Code, § 49076, that govern the privacy of student records, AB 540 that exempts undocumented students from non-resident tuition, and the California Dream Act which allows undocumented students to apply for and receive state based financial aid and institutional scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 President Barack Obama issued an Executive Order that gave certain undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States by their parents as a child and entered the U.S. before their 16th birthday – commonly referred to as “Dreamers” – relief from deportation such that they had the ability to live, work, and study in the U.S. for a period of two years, subject to renewal. The program is known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and

**WHEREAS**, DACA has protected nearly 800,000 people, including more than 217,000 residing in California alone and approximately 20,000 who work as teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump announced a rescission of DACA but has allowed for a six-month window during which Congress can pass new legislation that would protect those who rely on the program; and

**WHEREAS**, all students in California have a right to attend public schools regardless of their immigration status and California’s school districts have invested valuable resources in our State’s DACA recipients, and they in turn have responded by successfully continuing their education and making important contributions to the workforce and to society; and

**WHEREAS**, the District believes that each student deserves to be treated with respect and as a valuable human being -- with hopes, dreams, aspirations, and goals -- and that each DACA recipient should be allowed to fulfill those dreams in the only Country they have lived in -- the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the intended rescission of DACA will deny our schools and communities many very bright and highly-motivated students, parents, teachers, and staff who are making invaluable contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the consequences of this decision have resulted in fear and uncertainty for many of the families and students we serve, as well as for staff members and community volunteers, and would cause a significant disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students; and

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to join other school districts, post-secondary institutions, local and community-based agencies and organizations, including local, state and national elected officials to: (1) reassure its students and families that campuses will remain safe and welcoming places to learn for students of all backgrounds, whether documented or undocumented; (2) call on President Donald Trump and the United States Congress to preserve DACA; and (3) defend the right of all students to obtain a higher education in California.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED** by the Board of Trustees of the El Monte Union High School District as follows:

1. That the Board of Trustees urges President Trump and his administration to preserve the DACA Program and urges members of the United States Congress, including our own senators and representatives, to take bipartisan action to pass legislation that provides DACA recipients the permanent solution they deserve and end the uncertainty they face;

2. That the Board of Trustees declares that our campuses remain open, safe and welcoming to students of all backgrounds regardless of immigration status and will continue to provide services for documented and undocumented students, including counseling, instructional support, places to study, assistance in applying to our colleges and for financial aid through the California Dream Act and other appropriate support services;

3. That the District will continue to work with local agencies and nonprofit entities, legal services entities, and other entities and groups where appropriate to provide support for families with deportation concerns;

4. That the Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to ensure that faculty, staff, and students understand the District's policies and have accurate and timely information on student's rights to privacy and the limitations on the information which can be provided to external governmental and other agencies without their consent; and

5. That the Board of Trustees instructs the Superintendent to distribute copies of this Resolution, translated into all appropriate languages, to all school sites, and distribute copies to both California senators as well as the District's congressional representative.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of October 2017 by the Board of Trustees of the EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT of Los Angeles, California by the following vote:

Ayes: 5  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0  
Abstaining: 0

I, Maria-Elena Talamantes, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the EL MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by said Board at a meeting held on October 4, 2017.

  
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Maria-Elena Talamantes, Board Clerk

  
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Carlos G. Salcedo, Board President