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Dear Malcolm X Families,

We want you to know that we are committed to protecting the right of **every student to attend public school, regardless of immigration status of the student or of the student's family members.**

On December 7, 2016, the Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education [adopted an official policy](#) that provides protections to immigrant families and affirms the right of undocumented children to a public education. This right has also been upheld by the United States Supreme Court in a case called [Plyler v. Doe](#).

On January 25, 2017, the Board will adopt a resolution that reiterates its position that all students have the right to attend our public schools, regardless of the immigration status or religious affiliation of the student or of the student's family members.

Because it is our duty and responsibility to provide each child in our District with a high quality public education in a safe and nurturing environment, we have given these directions to the staff at our schools:

- Our staff will not request information or make a record of information on the immigration status of a student or family member. Furthermore, students and families will not be required to provide a social security number for school forms.
- If the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency asks for access to a school or for access to student information, they will be politely denied and referred directly to the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services who will refer the matter to the District's legal counsel.
- Anyone in our schools seeking answers to questions about immigration will be referred to local non-profit immigration law organizations, such as the [East Bay Community Law Center](#) and the [East Bay Sanctuary Covenant](#) or other recommended [resources available on the district website](#).

Our immigrant families are not the only ones who are concerned about possible changes in federal policies. We want you to know that our district rejects all discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, disability and sexual orientation.

The core values of our district continue to guide us through these times: Our students are our priority. We take pride in our diversity. We hold high expectations for ourselves and our students. We treat each other with respect and act with integrity.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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If you have questions, you can call or write the following people who will try to assist you:

- *Principal's Office:* [\(510\) 644-6313](tel:5106446313)
- *Family Engagement Specialist Jocelyn Foreman, at* [\(510\) 684-4100](tel:5106844100)
- *Superintendent's Office:* [\(510\) 644-6206](tel:5106446206) or [superintendent@berkeley.net](mailto:superintendent@berkeley.net)