

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**RESOLUTION**

**TO REAFFIRM THE BOARD’S COMMITMENT TO THE ADMISSION, SAFETY AND PRIVACY  
OF OUR STUDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the local concerns on public education raised by the national debate on the implementation and enforcement of current immigration laws, and hereby intends to alleviate these concerns while also carrying out its duties as set forth by law and Board Policies;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Texas public education system is to ensure that all Texas children have access to a quality education that enables them to achieve their full potential and fully participate now and in the future in the social, economic, and educational opportunities in our state and nation, and this mission is grounded on the conviction that a general diffusion of knowledge is essential for the welfare of Texas and for the preservation of the liberties and rights of Texas citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the District must, as required by law, provide equal educational opportunities to all individuals residing within its jurisdiction or geographic boundaries, and denying enrollment based upon immigration status to children who are not legally admitted into the United States has been held by the United State Supreme Court to violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the District is responsible for, pursuant to public education objectives and core beliefs stated in Board Policy, the education and safety of every student;

**WHEREAS**, the Board is committed to, pursuant to commitments stated in Board Policy, ensuring a safe learning and working environment for all students and employees;

**WHEREAS**, the District is not authorized to collect information related to a student’s immigration status and is otherwise committed to preserving, pursuant to Board Policy, the privacy of student information, including information, if any, maintained by the District relevant to a student’s immigration status; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees for the San Antonio Independent School District hereby reaffirms its commitment to students, parents and guardians that the District shall fully implement and enforce its Board Policies, as required by law, to ensure the admission and safety of students and to safeguard the privacy of student information; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent to take further necessary action to ensure students, parents and guardians are directed to other available resources for assistance in understanding and exercising their rights under applicable laws.

Approved and executed this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2017.

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Patti Radle, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary