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District Resolves to Oppose Immigration Raids

April 25, 2007 (San Francisco, CA) – Concerned that some SFUSD families will keep their children out of school in fear that they will be arrested by immigration officials, the Board of Education voted unanimously last night to approve a resolution that restates protections and access for undocumented students.

Rumors that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers have been using SFUSD school sites to conduct raids prompted the Board to publicly reaffirm the position that it adopted previously.

In solidarity with immigrant community organizations such as the Bay Area Immigrant Rights Coalition (BAIRC) and the City and County of San Francisco's designation as a City of Refuge, the Board stated that all students have the right to attend school regardless of the immigration status of the child or the child's family members.

Currently SFUSD never asks for a Social Security number when a child is enrolled for school. All students are entitled to any and all school services, and school staff are directed to never ask about a student's immigration status.

To keep the lines of communication open with parents and ensure a sense of safety while at school, Interim Superintendent Gwen Chan and the District's Legal Office will be consulting with numerous immigrant communities within SFUSD to make sure the policy is being carried out. The new resolution will be distributed to all SFUSD schools.

Approximately 32% of SFUSD students are English Language Learners. The District does not collect information regarding how many enrolled students are undocumented.

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