

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS
REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS**

WHEREAS, the Tucson Unified School District (“the District”) exists for the purpose of providing a free public education to children residing in Arizona;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court, in the case of *Plyler v. Doe*, held that the denial of equal educational opportunities to students on the basis of their immigration status (whether documented or not) was a discriminatory violation of the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, the District serves numerous immigrant families and their children;

WHEREAS, discrimination against children, beyond being illegal, harms them emotionally, socially, and economically in ways and degrees that cannot be fully known or measured because their effects last throughout entire lifetimes;

WHEREAS, school districts and organizations collectively recognized their obligations to educate students regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, the invitation and promise to the “huddled masses yearning to breathe free” which is found at the feet of the Statue of Liberty must surely, if at all, be given effect in the lives of children;

WHEREAS, 28,000 DACA/DREAMers live in Arizona and are young people who have sought higher education, careers, served in our military and rooted themselves in our community and country. They contribute to our economy, our social fabric, and represent the best of our values;

WHEREAS, let it now be known that no staff member of TUSD may make any threats or statements pertaining to a student’s or parent’s immigration status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board and the District, and its administration, teachers, counselors and staff will support all students equally, whether their immigration status is documented or undocumented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board this 12th of September, 2017.

Governing Board Members:

Michael Hicks, President

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