

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
EXPRESSING 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 *Plyer 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 earlier this calendar year by observing National Coming Out on April 7, 2016;

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;

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 13th of December, 2016.

Governing Board Members:

Adelita S. Grijalva, President

Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk

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