The Metropolitan School District of Wayne Township

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Board of Education

RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT TO CREATING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS

WHEREAS, The M.S.D. of Wayne Township is committed to creating a safe, supportive, and welcoming learning environment regardless of, among other things, race, religion, nationality, sexual identity, ability, or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, and every person in its employment, is committed to standing with, and supporting, all MSD Wayne students and families to the fullest extent possible while complying with all local, state, and federal law;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982) recognized the injustice of placing discriminatory burdens on the basis of legal characteristics over which children have no control, and held it unconstitutional to deny a free, public education to children who are not legally admitted into the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the value and diversity that immigrant students and families bring to the school district; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the M.S.D. of Wayne Township, that to the extent permitted by applicable law:

- MSD Wayne will remain a safe and welcoming place for all students and families regardless of their immigration status;
- MSD Wayne policies against intimidation, bullying, or discrimination of any student, including those born outside of the United States or for whom English is a second language, will continue to be strictly enforced to ensure that all students are treated with dignity and respect;
- MSD Wayne will continue to seek opportunities to increase and enhance programs and partnerships that support and assist immigrant students and families;
- MSD Wayne employees shall continue to follow the policy and practice of not requiring social security numbers for any enrolled or enrolling student and will



- continue to refrain from inquiring about a student's or parent's immigration status;
- As in the past, MSD Wayne will not collect or provide any information regarding a student's (or his/her family's) immigration status, except as legally required;
- The Board supports U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement policy that restricts enforcement actions by ICE officers and agents in or around schools, and reminds MSD Wayne employees that they shall not assist immigration enforcement efforts unless legally required and authorized to do so by the Superintendent.

The foregoing Resolution was passed by the M.S.D. of Wayne Township Board of Education this 10th day of April, 2017.

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Brandon Bowman, Secretary

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