



SAFE ZONE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, regardless of immigration status, to access a free public K-12 education and PXU welcomes and supports all students;

WHEREAS, PXU has a responsibility to ensure that all students who reside within its boundaries, regardless of immigration status, can safely access a free public K-12 education;

WHEREAS, federal immigration law enforcement activities, on or around District property and transportation routes, whether by surveillance, interview, demand for information, arrest, detention, or any other means, harmfully disrupt the learning environment to which all students, regardless of immigration status, are entitled and significantly interfere with the ability of all students, including U.S. citizen students and students who hold other legal grounds for presence in the U.S., to access a free public K-12 education;

WHEREAS, through its policies and practices, PXU has made a commitment to a quality education for all students, which includes a safe and stable learning environment, means of transportation to and from school sites, the preservation of classroom hours for educational instruction, and the requirement of school attendance;

WHEREAS, parents and students have expressed to PXU fear and confusion about the continued physical and emotional safety of all students and the right to access a free public K-12 education through PXU schools and programs;

AND WHEREAS, educational personnel are often the primary sources of support, resources, and information to assist and support students and student learning, which includes their emotional health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Immigrations Enforcement Office (ICE), state or local law enforcement agencies acting on behalf of ICE, or agents or officers for any federal, state, or local agency attempting to enforce federal immigration laws, are to follow Governing Board Policy JIH and Governing Board Regulation JR-R, attached to and incorporated in this Resolution, to ensure PXU meets its duty to provide all students, regardless of immigration status, access to a free public K-12 education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board declares PXU to be a Safe Zone for its students, meaning that PXU is a place for students to learn, to thrive and to seek assistance, information, and support related to any immigration law enforcement that interferes with their learning experience;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that PXU has created family engagement teams to support in the event a minor child attending school in PXU is deprived of adult care, supervision, or guardianship outside of school due to a federal law enforcement action, such as detention by ICE or a cooperating law enforcement agency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it continues to be the policy of PXU not to allow any individual or organization to enter a school site if the educational setting would be disrupted by that visit; given the likelihood of substantial disruption posed by the presence of ICE or state or local law enforcement agencies acting for ICE, any request by ICE or other agencies to visit a school site should be presented to the Superintendent’s Office or her designee for review as to whether access to the site is permitted by law, a judicial warrant is required, or any other legal considerations apply; this review should be made expeditiously;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in its continued commitment to the protection of student privacy, PXU does not collect data with respect to students’ immigration status; as such information is irrelevant to the educational enterprise and potentially discriminatory;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should ICE or other immigration law enforcement agents request any student information, the request should be referred to the Superintendent’s Office or her designee to ensure compliance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”), student constitutional privacy, standards for a judicial warrant, and any other limitation on disclosure; this review should be conducted expeditiously;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Board affirms that certificated District employees have the academic freedom to discuss this Resolution during class time provided it is age-appropriate; and students are to be made aware that District counselors are available to discuss the subjects contained in this Resolution; and

Adopted this _____ **day of February 2025**, the Governing Board voted at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present with _____ in favor of, _____ against, _____ abstained from the above Resolution.

Ceyshe Napa, Governing Board President

Signa Oliver, Governing Board Clerk