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MEMORANDUM

Office of the Superintendent

Meeting of January 18, 2017

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Wendy S. Tukloff, Ed.D., Superintendent
SUBJECT: Resolution 2017-01-18-A: Principles in Support of Undocumented Students and Families

Background

In an effort to be proactive at this time of uncertainty, San Mateo County Superintendents requested information from County Counsel regarding the immigration enforcement powers of the United States Government as they impact local school districts and the range of possible responses by local school districts if confronted with immigration enforcement activities at their school sites. The following highlights have resulted in the resolution brought forward to the Pacifica School District Board of Trustees to consider:

1. Although, under the United States Constitution and federal law, the United States and its officers have full authority to enforce immigration laws, including those pertaining to presence in the United States without lawful status; local agencies, including school districts, have an obligation under the federal Constitution, to educate all students, whatever their immigration status.
2. Focus on guiding principles, policy statements and processes that clearly demonstrate commitment to serve all members of the community, regardless of immigration status; to refrain from inquiring about immigration status; to disclose information about an individual's immigration status only to the extent required by law; and to cooperate in the enforcement of immigration laws only as required by law.

Once a determination regarding Resolution 2017-01-18-A is made, policies will be updated to reflect the principles set forth.