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Dear SUSD Families and Community Members,

As your Board President, Superintendent of Schools, and Chief of Police, we are dedicated to fostering a district where students and families feel safe, supported, and empowered. We invite all parents, neighbors, and community members to join us in this important work, as we continue to provide our children with a world-class education in a safe and welcoming environment. Our city police and our SUSD police do not engage in immigration enforcement.

We are proud to come together to express our unwavering support for Resolution No. 24-41, affirming Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) as a Safe Haven for All Students and Families. This resolution underscores our joint commitment to ensuring that every student and family feels welcomed, protected, and valued within our schools, regardless of immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, gender identity, socio-economic status, or beliefs.

At SUSD, we believe that a safe and inclusive environment is the foundation for academic success and personal growth. This resolution reflects our shared mission to provide every student with equitable opportunities and the support they need to succeed. To further safeguard our students and families, this resolution ensures that any requests for documents or access to District school sites by immigration enforcement officers will be immediately forwarded to our Immigration Legal Counsel. This process is designed to protect the safety, confidentiality, and rights of our students, in compliance with state and federal laws. Local law enforcement and SUSD Police are not a part of any Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations. Senate Bill 54 (The California Values Act) places restrictions on cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities regarding immigration status.

We are pleased to announce the upcoming **Health and Wellness Resource Fair** on **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**, at **McKinley Elementary School from 3:30-5:30pm**. This event, organized in collaboration with El Concilio and other local non-profits, will provide critical resources and support to families in their immigration preparedness. In addition, parents attending the event will have the opportunity to update their child's emergency contact records with additional trusted individuals to ensure the well-being of their children. In addition, on the SUSD District website are additional resources from the <a href="Immigration Legal Resource Center (ILRC)">Immigration Legal Resource Center (ILRC)</a> such as an Immigration Preparedness Toolkit and Know Your Rights Guidelines.

Thank you for standing with us to protect and support every student and family in SUSD.

With grantude and resolve,

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