Resolution No. 24-41 in Support of a Safe Haven for All Students and Families in the Stockton Unified School District

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- WHEREAS, the Stockton Unified School District, with its Board of Education and greater community, is committed to the success of all students irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socioeconomic status or beliefs;
- WHEREAS, Stockton, like many cities in the State of California, is the home and workplace of diverse communities, including persons with both documented and undocumented immigration status;
- WHEREAS, students and parents have expressed apprehension, fear, anxiety, and confusion regarding the ability of the Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and/or other governmental entities to enter property of the District for the purpose of determining immigration status of students and their families;
- WHEREAS, under both State and federal law, all students have the right to attend public school and enjoy access to equitable educational and programmatic services regardless of the immigration status of the student or of the student's family members;
- WHEREAS, it is the mission of the District to "provide all students with a world-class education, high quality instruction, a well-rounded educational experience, and the support necessary to succeed";
- WHEREAS, the Board of Education embraces the diversity of our students and families, and the rich language and cultural assets they bring to our District, and strongly supports and encourages the participation of all parents and families in our schools; and
- WHEREAS, as a Board, we invite parents, neighbors, and all those committed to supporting our community's children to work collaboratively with us as we continue to empower them to reach their full potential as responsible, ethical and productive citizens in a diverse and changing world;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board declares its commitment that every District site be a safe haven, and a welcoming place for all students and their families and encourages the Superintendent to enhance partnerships with community-based organizations who provide resources for families facing immigration issues;
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** All requests for documents or entrance to District school sites by any immigration enforcement officer shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent for review to ensure the safety and confidentiality of all students, as well as compliance with applicable State and federal laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The District will not release information regarding immigration status or related matters contained in pupil records to federal agencies or other authorities enforcing immigration laws without the permission of the student's parent or guardian or pursuant to a judicial warrant, subpoena, court order or as otherwise required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the members of the Board of Education of the Stockton Unified School District in San Joaquin County, California, have hereunto set our hands this 17th day of December, 2024.

AYES: Kennetha Stevens; Sofia Colon; Donald Donaire; Frank C. Silva; Shauna Priest; Isabel Perez

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: AngelAnn Flores

Isabel Perez, Area 1 Trustee

ABSENT

AngelAnn Flores, Area 2 Trustee

Frank C. Silva Area 3 Trustee

Shauna Priest, Area 4 Trustee

Donald Donaire, Area 5 Trustee

Sofia Colón, Area 6 Trustee

Kennetha Stevens, Area 7 Trustee

Members of the Board of Education of the Stockton Unified School District