

April 6, 2017

Dear Parents,

In the past several weeks immigration enforcement has been in the news. Students and their parents have expressed concerns regarding possible enforcement activities at our schools. The staff and the Saugus Union School District Governing Board reaffirm that, pursuant to federal and state law, every student has the right to attend school regardless of their or their parents' immigration status. Please note the following:

- Our District does not and will not collect data with respect to students' immigration status.
- Our schools will not participate in potential federal enforcement actions based on immigration status. Our role as public school educators is to welcome and protect all students regardless of their or their parents' immigration status.
- The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department does not and will not participate in federal immigration enforcement actions and is an important partner in keeping our students safe.
- The District will not allow any immigration enforcement officer or agent to enter school without being granted permission by the office of the superintendent in consultation with legal counsel and upon presentation of necessary documentation. (i.e. lawful subpoenas, petitions, complaints, warrants, etc.) All visitors to school sign in at the office and all requests related to immigration or student records will be sent directly to the superintendent.
- SUSD will continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA prevents schools from sharing student information, including citizenship status, and other personally identifiable student information without parental consent. FERPA also requires prior notice to parents before release of student information by subpoena or court order.

Saugus' record of excellence is built on ensuring safe, welcoming environment for students and their families. The District will continue providing every student the best education possible with the full participation of parents in all school activities and events.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Powell, President
Saugus Union School District Governing Board

Dr. Joan M. Lucid, Superintendent
Saugus Union School District

cc: SUSD Governing Board Members