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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

Resources to Support in the Case of Immigration Enforcement on School Campuses

All children in the United States, regardless of immigration or citizenship status, have a right to a free and appropriate public education.

In response to requests for information and support from local educational agencies (LEAs), the California Department of Education (CDE) is sharing resources to support school employees who may come in contact with federal agents who are conducting immigration enforcement activities.

Please see the attached Immigration Enforcement Response Notecard, which is intended to be completed by officials at the local level who can add relevant local policies, regulations, and administrative contacts.

Together, we will ensure that all families feel welcome on our campuses and that students feel supported to attend school.

For access to continuously updated resources about welcoming and supporting immigrant families, please see the CDE's Safe Havens web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/safehavens.asp.

LEA leaders who have questions about state-level guidance regarding the impact of immigration enforcement on schools can contact the Superintendent's Initiatives Office at lnitiatives@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Signed by

David Schapira Chief Deputy Superintendent California Department of Education