



# Bolinas-Stinson Union School District

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Dear Bolinas Stinson School Staff:

In these uncertain times for our immigrant students and families, it is imperative that our schools send the message that we are committed to protecting the right of **every student to attend public school, regardless of the immigration status of a student or of a student's family members.**

On February 14, 2017, the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District will consider adopting a resolution that preserves the protections of immigrant families and affirms the right of undocumented children to a public education. This right has also been upheld by the United States Supreme Court in a case called [Plyler v. Doe](#).

Because it is our duty and responsibility to provide each child in our schools with a high quality public education in a safe and nurturing environment, I am providing the following directions to staff at our schools:

- Our staff will not request information or make a record of information on the immigration status of a student or family member. Furthermore, students and families will not be required to provide a social security number for school forms.
- If the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency asks for access to our school or for access to student information, they will be referred directly to me and I will refer the matter to the District's legal counsel for a determination regarding whether such access is required by law.
- Anyone in our schools seeking answers to questions about immigration will be referred to local non-profit immigration organizations, such as the [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#), the [San Francisco Bar Association](#), or the [Canal Alliance](#). In addition, the MCOE has set up a web page for resources at <http://marinschools.org/MCOE/Pages/Immigrant-Student-and-Family-Resources.aspx>

Our immigrant families are not the only ones who are concerned about recent changes in federal policies. We want to send the message that BSUSD rejects all discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, disability and sexual orientation.

In these times of uncertainty, I want our community to be assured that we will adhere to our core values: that public schools are the foundation of our democracy, that every person has intrinsic worth, that we believe in treating people with dignity and respect, that high standards and expectations foster greater achievement, that each of us shares responsibility for the welfare of our community, that diversity is an asset in our community, that honesty and integrity are essential in building relationships, that schools must provide access and equity, and that people thrive in safe environments.

Thank you for providing a safe and welcoming environment for ALL of our students.

Sincerely,

John Carroll  
Superintendent

