

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION urging Congress and the Iowa General Assembly to protect DACA recipients and affirming support for all students, regardless of citizen status and immigration status.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982) held all resident children are entitled to education in the public schools and it is unconstitutional to deny a free public education to children who are not legally admitted into the United States; and

WHEREAS, Des Moines Independent Community School District ("District") policy, state law, and federal law provide that a child's enrollment in public school may not be conditioned on the child's citizen status or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, public schools cannot and should not inquire regarding the immigration status of a student or the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) as part of the admissions process; and

WHEREAS, the Des Moines Public School District educates undocumented students, and the children of undocumented parents, who are scholars, athletes, and leaders; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2012, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it would not deport certain undocumented youth who came to the United States as children and granted them "deferred action"; and

WHEREAS, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 5,454 Iowans have applied for this Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program since its introduction; and

WHEREAS, studies show that DACA recipients are making significant, positive contributions to their communities and economies by increasing tax revenue for states and localities, starting their own businesses, earning higher wages, participating more fully in the workforce and pursuing educational opportunities that they previously could not access; and

WHEREAS, the BRIDGE Act, a bi-partisan bill that would grant provisional protected presence status, and imposes restrictions on the sharing of information the purposes of immigration enforcement has been introduced in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Directors of the Des Moines Independent Community School District:

1. Expects District staff shall treat all students in a loving, respectful, and equitable manner without regard for race, ethnicity, citizenship, immigration status, or national origin;
2. Sees the promise and potential in all of its students and respectfully requests that Iowa's congressional delegation work to protect young Iowans by supporting the BRIDGE Act so that our students' promise is not limited by their immigration status; and
3. Respectfully requests that the Iowa General Assembly act to protect and cherish all resident students and their families without regard for race, ethnicity, citizenship, immigration status, or national origin.

RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
DES MOINES INDEPENDENT
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By: _____
President

Attest:

Board Secretary