## Lancaster School District

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## Statement on Immigration and Student Safety

## Lancaster School District Students, Families, and Community Partners,

We remain unwavering in our commitment to providing safe, inclusive, and equitable learning environments for *all* students, regardless of their immigration status or background. Every child has the fundamental right to a free public education, and this right is protected. It is crucial that every student, family, teacher, and staff member feels safe, welcomed, and valued while on our school campus.

At the heart of our district's values is a dedication to respecting and celebrating diversity, building supportive communities of care, fostering a deep sense of belonging, and ensuring academic growth through rigorous, inclusive learning experiences. Our schools are places where all students can thrive, and this will always remain at our core.

In light of recent events, we want to reassure our families that Lancaster School District is working closely with <u>resources</u> such as the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Immigrant Relations program, which provides critical services for immigrant communities throughout the county. Additionally, our district has developed a dedicated <u>resource page</u> to ensure that no student's access to education is disrupted due to their immigration status.

We are committed to maintaining transparent, open lines of communication between students, families, and staff. Our educators and staff are equipped with ongoing training to ensure they understand and protect the rights of all students, particularly those from immigrant families, and to provide the necessary support in these challenging times.

Schools are the heart of our community. We will continue to stand by and support our students and their families, offering the resources and guidance needed to ensure their well-being and uninterrupted educational journey.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Marietti Superintendent of Schools