



September 12, 2017

RESOLUTION RE: YES PREP PUBLIC SCHOOLS'S COMMITMENT TO THE EDUCATION OF ALL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

The meeting of the Board of Directors of YES Prep Public Schools ("YES Prep") was called to order on September 12, 2017 pursuant to notice and a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

WHEREAS, YES Prep operates public charter schools committed to serving all students, including students who have immigrated to the United States from other countries;

WHEREAS, YES Prep operates public charter schools in regions with large immigrant communities, including Houston and surrounding areas;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court ruled in *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202 (1982) that public schools are prohibited from denying immigrant students, including undocumented immigrant students, access to elementary and secondary public education;

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Civil Rights and Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Education issued a Dear Colleague letter on May 8, 2014 reaffirming "the Federal obligation to provide equal educational opportunities to all children" without regard to the students' or their parents' or guardians' actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status;

WHEREAS, YES Prep seeks to ensure students and families that all immigrant students are welcome to attend YES Prep schools and that they are safe at YES Prep schools;

WHEREAS, YES Prep seeks to minimize any disruption that may be caused by the presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") at YES Prep schools; and

WHEREAS, there is no written state or federal law that mandates schools to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors and CEO of YES Prep that:

Absent any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, ordinance, YES Prep shall:

1. Treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including but, not limited to, the free and reduced lunch program, transportation, and educational instruction;
2. Refrain from inquiring about students' immigration status or their families' immigration status; and
3. Refer any request or inquiry by ICE for data or information or to visit a school site to the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Schools Officer and appropriate legal counsel for review and response to ensure YES Prep's compliance with *Plyler*, unless there is an immediate and acute risk of substantial harm or injury.
4. Mobilize and maximize the full weight of the YES Prep network to support the creation of a legislative replacement for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) to protect the livelihood and opportunities of the DREAMers associated with YES Prep.



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Ann Davis Vaughan, Board Member

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Barry Kelly, Board Member

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Dan Gilbane, Board Member

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Doug Selman, Board Member

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Eric Calderon, Board Member

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Joe Greenberg, Board Chair Emeritus

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Leslie Smith, Board Member

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Luis Elizondo-Thomson, Board Member

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Mark DiBella, CEO

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Mark Gregg, Board Chair

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Melanie Trent, Board Member

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Mickey Barrett, Vice Chair

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Paula Permenter, Board Member

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Tom Castro, Board Member

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