

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
WRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING RECOGNITION OF A SAFE HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #02-02-16/17**

WHEREAS, The Wright Elementary School District is committed to the success of all students irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status or beliefs.

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America recognizes every individual's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;

WHEREAS, The United States of America was built by diverse peoples, both native and immigrant alike;

WHEREAS, Public Education has played a critical role in furthering tolerance and strengthening our society;

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court held in *Plyer v. Doe* (1982) that no public school district has a basis to deny children access to education based on their immigration status, citing the children have little control over their immigration status, the harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and equal protection rights of the 14th Amendment;

WHEREAS, On November 8, 2016, voters in California and across the nation participated in the democratic process by casting votes;

WHEREAS, California voters during the 2016 General election expressed strong support for public schools by embracing bilingual education through Proposition 58, strengthening funding sources through Proposition 55, and modernizing school facilities through Proposition 51, and;

WHEREAS, 64% of students in Wright Elementary School District are of Latino/a descent and 55% of students attending Wright Elementary School District are English Learners;

WHEREAS, The 2016 national presidential election has resulted in thousands of students and families in Sonoma County expressing fear, sadness and concerns for student safety as the result of particular rhetoric and promises made over the course of the 2016 presidential race;

WHEREAS, Youth and families across the county have already experienced and reported increased levels of hate speech based on their ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation since the election; now, therefore, be it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Wright Elementary School District Governing Board of Education directs the District Superintendent to support the creation of a safe haven school district. This status shall include:

- Designating Wright Elementary School District school sites, facilities, and equipment as safe havens for students, families and the community;
- Allocating adequate resources necessary to support diversity, inclusion, and the values of a multicultural society; and
- Continuing to host trainings on cultural proficiency, equity and unconscious bias in the District.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Wright Elementary School District will work closely with the City, County and other state and local municipalities and community organizations to ensure our students and families are offered a protected space;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Wright Elementary School District will comply with applicable state and federal law;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Wright Elementary School District reaffirms its focus on promoting and elevating tolerance, inclusiveness and kindness of all students, families and staff at all District school sites, facilities and material property;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Wright Elementary School District reaffirms the authority of the District Superintendent to protect the data and identities of any student, family member, or school employee who may be adversely affected by any future policies or executive action that results in the collection of any personally identifiable information to the fullest extent provided by the law;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Wright Elementary School District shall not allow ICE agents on school sites, facilities or material property without receiving prior written approval from the District Superintendent; and, be it finally

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Wright Elementary School District reaffirms unequivocal commitment to ensuring a safe educational environment for all students, serving as a safe haven district for students and families threatened by immigration enforcement or discrimination, to the fullest extent provided by the law.

I, Carolyn Dixon, Clerk of the Governing Board of the Wright Elementary School District of Sonoma County, State of California, certify that this Resolution proposed by Stan Greenberg, seconded by Carolyn Dixon, was duly passed and adopted by the Board, at an official and public meeting this 16th day of February, 2017, by the following vote:

Trustee Karen Irwin Magee aye Trustee Carolyn Dixon aye

Trustee Stan Greenberg aye Trustee Robin Jackson aye

Trustee James Bergmann aye


AYES: 5 **NOES:** 0 **ABSENT/NOTE VOTING:** 0

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct resolution duly adopted by the Governing Board of the Wright Elementary School District



Board President, Karen Irwin Magee

February 16, 2017
Date



Clerk of the Board, Carolyn Dixon

February 16, 2017
Date