

Madame President, I move the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 497, Douglas County, Kansas, is a duly organized board of education functioning as a Kansas municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the board is aware of recent decisions made at the federal level regarding immigration; and,

WHEREAS, the board, as an entity, objects to Immigration and Customs Enforcement making any attempt to utilize the public schools to interview students or otherwise gather information on potentially undocumented students and families; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that all children, including those who are undocumented, have the right to attend public schools; and,

WHEREAS, schools are prohibited from inquiring about the immigration status of students and parents or restrict enrollment; and,

WHEREAS, the board has adopted policies pertaining to law enforcement access to students; and,

WHEREAS, the board is committed to ensuring safe and supportive learning environments for all students; and,

WHEREAS, the board has directed the superintendent of schools to ensure all board policies are followed and to deny any law enforcement official access to students unless all due process of law provisions have been followed;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 497, DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS, that the board is opposed to any action of Immigration and Customs Enforcement to interfere with the education of any student attending a public school; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board will take all appropriate action to protect students and their families.

Adopted this 22nd day of July, 2019 by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 497, Douglas County, Kansas.

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Attest: Alyse Donnell
Clerk, Board of Education