RESOLUTION NO. 201920-1
SAFE AND WELCOMING SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Salem-Keizer Public Schools is committed to providing safe and welcoming spaces where all students are able to focus on their education, secure in the knowledge that the District will support their safety and well-being while also providing access and opportunity to high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, this commitment means that student success will not be predicted nor predetermined by race, national origin, ability, economic circumstance, mobility, native language, sexual orientation, immigration status, gender identity, or level of proficiency upon entering school; and

WHEREAS, the School Board is committed to protecting students' constitutional rights, including their Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures and to access a free public education; and

WHEREAS, the School Board believes that federal immigration law enforcement activities at our schools, on our transportation routes, on our District property, or during school activities will significantly interfere with our ability to provide safe and welcoming spaces and interfere with our students' rights; and

WHEREAS, the School Board does not tolerate any form of discrimination, hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying, or menacing of students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the School Board expects the District shall do everything in its lawful power to protect our students' confidential information and ensure that our students' learning environments are not disrupted by immigration enforcement actions, including but not limited to the following:

The District will continue its practice to not collect or maintain any information about our students' immigration status.

Any request by a federal immigration official (a) for entry into any District school or other District property, (b) to communicate with any student while that student is under the supervision of the District during any school activity or while using District transportation, or (C) for any information about our students shall immediately be forwarded to the District's legal counsel.

In responding to such requests, the District's legal counsel will not share information or provide access to our students unless required by law and will direct the District to protect the constitutional and legal rights of our students. For example, the District's legal counsel will not grant access to our students unless presented with a valid arrest warrant issued by a federal or state judge or magistrate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall provide training and additional resources if needed for existing crisis and emergency response teams in order to help ensure the safety and well-being of our students who may be impacted by immigration enforcement actions; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all Salem-Keizer Public Schools staff are diligent in recognizing and addressing discrimination, hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying, or menacing as per administrative policy (Instruction-A003); staff are informed of and follow the administrative policy (Instruction-A035) related to dealing with non-local law enforcement, including immigration officials who enter any District property, and the administrative policy and procedure related to the handling of complaints (Administrative-ADOS and P008); and

All Salem-Keizer staff maintain an organizational culture that treats students and their families with respect, dignity, and courtesy; and

The Superintendent maintains, develops, communicates, and implements administrative policies and procedures that foster a culture that is safe, inclusive, welcoming, and celebrates the diversity found within our community; and

The Superintendent takes appropriate action to prevent and/or correct conditions, procedures, actions, or decisions that are unlawful, unethical, unsafe, disrespectful, disruptive, undignified, or in violation of board or administrative policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors will review, revise if appropriate, and reaffirm this resolution annually.

Marty Heyen, Chairperson, Board of Directors
Salem-Keizer Public Schools

8-27-19

Date