



Dear CEC 28,

Thank you for your resolution “Reaffirming our Support of All Students Regardless of Immigration Status and Ensuring Further Protections from ICE In Our Schools.” We share your deep commitment to the safety of our immigrant students and families and ensuring our school communities have the resources they need to thrive.

One of Chancellor Samuel’s first [messages to families](#) when he took over the role, was to reaffirm New York City Public School’s (NYCPS) unwavering support for immigrant students. This letter reiterated that NYCPS does not provide non-local law enforcement, including ICE, access to students, school facilities, or student records, unless required by law.

Beyond our protocols, NYCPS’s Project Open Arms and our schools continue to support immigrant families and ensure our students are provided with a range of services. We continue to put forward Know Your Rights resources, including our new Know Your Rights comic book. In addition, we consistently offer Know Your Rights trainings for students and families with partner organizations and would be happy to collaborate with you to ensure these offerings are promoted and made available in District 28. Finally, Project Open Arms supports immigrant students and families involved in an immigration enforcement incident by providing and coordinating a range of resources across NYCPS, including connections to legal supports, representation, pro se clinics, food pantries, and mental health supports.

We deeply value your calls to action. We know we can rely on you to make sure the families of Community School District 28 know they are welcome in our schools and that their children will be safe there. Thank you for taking the time to draft, discuss and pass this resolution, and ensure your school community knows they have your support. We stand with you.

Thanks,

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