

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28

Resolution Reaffirming our Support of All Students Regardless of Immigration Status and Ensuring Further Protections from ICE In Our Schools

APPROVED at the **March 5, 2026 Calendar Meeting** by a vote of the CEC D28 voting members present at the time of the vote (11 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstained)

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WHEREAS, since the start of 2025 when President Trump began issuing executive orders targeting immigrants, the threat of mass deportations has caused widespread fear and anxiety among immigrant families and communities, and harmed our students' education; and

WHEREAS, students whose parents or guardians are immigrants targeted by these plans face the prospect of separation from their families, or being forced to leave the country even if they are citizens; and

WHEREAS, in July 2025, The Trump administration promised to "flood the zone" with ICE agents all over NYC after attempts to build an ICE facility in NYC were blocked¹ and;

WHEREAS, ICE attacks on communities all over the country, most notably in Minnesota, have escalated dramatically over the last few months

WHEREAS, many of the 146,000 homeless students in NYC public schools reside in city shelters; and

¹ Coltin, Jeff (2025, July 21) ICE will 'flood the zone' in NYC. *Politico*.
https://www.politico.com/news/2025/07/21/ice-new-york-city-enforcement-00465313?fbclid=PAVERFWAQDBydleHRuA2FibQIxMABzcnRjBmFwcF9pZA8xMjQwMjQ1NzQyODc0MTQAAadFP8SXhSw1WQixB6M PN0QpdgRfuqx0x-MEKyTn3tMG-lyaWjhLcyGOLPX3bQ_aem_sgLpAK82thSuaqINTR2DOW

WHEREAS, 40 percent of the population of New York City and nearly half (45 percent) of its workforce were born in another country, while a majority of the more than half a million undocumented immigrants in NYC have lived here for over a decade and are a vital part of our community; and

WHEREAS, under the NY state constitution, all children here have a right to a public education; and

WHEREAS, already knowing our communities and families intimately, our schools are uniquely positioned to provide support to families; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2025, CEC28 adopted a resolution reaffirming our organization's commitment to celebrating, protecting and respecting all our students, and demanding that DOE leadership resist attacks on students' civil rights and human rights;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District 28 Superintendent's office in cooperation with CEC 28 identify what work has been or is currently being done in our schools to protect, inform and defend our vulnerable community members from ICE, which may include collaborating with school based personnel, unions, community based organizations, students, parents and community members, so that we may identify what more can be done; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYCPS continue to provide Know Your Rights trainings, virtually and in person, with consideration to language access, as well as information to prepare for and respond to an emergency arising from ICE involvement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYCPS partner with community organizations to provide affected families with wraparound services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that school-based mental health support be made available for students impacted by contact with ICE or by what they are seeing in the news; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any backpacked notices with information about procedures and protocols to protect students and families from ICE be provided with consideration to language access; and be it further

RESOLVED, that school-based teams (made up of staff members and parents) be formed in order to ensure that families are prepared for emergencies in various ways, including but not limited to: ensuring staff street presence at student arrival and dismissal times as extra support for vulnerable families who are fearful of being in public, collecting updated emergency contact information in the event that a parent is detained or deported, to rapidly respond to emergencies by connecting families with legal support information and other resources, have a plan to follow up on the status of detained parents/caregivers and students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all District 28 school officials and safety agents can monitor and protect students, their guardians and family members right outside the school regardless of their immigration status AND within all indoor areas: classrooms, restrooms, main office and auditorium included and ALL spaces inside the school buildings AND in the immediate vicinity of the school grounds AND including all public sidewalks adjacent to and surrounding the school building (AND within a full city block radius of the actual edifice itself) to ensure that NYCPS students and their families are safe on indoor school property as well as, on the aforementioned streets and outdoor areas surrounding the school building regardless of their immigration status; and be it further

RESOLVED, that NYCPS and District 28 leadership continue to prioritize this issue and do *everything* in their power to ensure that our students are safe at school regardless of their immigration status.