



***UNITED BY CARE,
EMPOWERED BY KNOWLEDGE:***

**RIGHTS & RESOURCES
FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES**





A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

UNITED BY CARE, EMPOWERED BY KNOWLEDGE: RIGHTS & RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES



Dear Fullerton School District Families,

The winds of change may stir, and the tides of government may shift, but here in Fullerton, our roots run deep. We are a community that holds fast to what truly matters—our children, our neighbors, and the kindness that unites us together.

Through every season, we have stood by one another, not because it was required, but because it is who we are. We walk the same sidewalks, share the same streets, and watch over the same children as they grow and learn. No matter what changes in the world beyond, we remain steadfast in what we hold dear-- each other.

As we step into this new year and new chapter, I ask that we continue to look out for one another and that we remain a community where every child who walks through our school doors feels safe, seen, and deeply valued; where every family knows they belong; where every neighbor is welcomed.

We remain united in caring for one another and want to empower our families with the knowledge to help them know their rights, have a plan, and keep them updated on any changes in the law and the safeguards we are putting in place to ensure the safety and rights to privacy of our students, staff, and families, especially on our campuses. Through academic support, mental health services, and family outreach, we are dedicated to providing the resources and opportunities that allow every student to thrive.

We will continue to care for one another no matter the season or circumstance because that is who we are as a Fullerton community. Together, we celebrate our diversity of cultures, empower learning, and create a future where every student has the opportunity to succeed. Thank you for being part of this journey as we work to uphold the promise of education for all Fullerton School District students.

In partnership,

Dr. Bob Pletka

Superintendent



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FSD'S COMMITMENT

The Fullerton School District stands in solidarity with our immigrant students and families. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment for all students, regardless of immigration status.

FSD'S BOARD OF EDUCATION

FSD's Board of Trustees is committed to the success of all students and believes that every school campus should be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families, no matter their citizenship or immigration status. For more, please refer to our Response to Immigration Enforcement Board Policy at bit.ly/FSDBP5145-3

HOW FSD WILL RESPOND...

If U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) or other federal agents appear at an FSD school:

- **FSD front office employees** have a script that directs them to advise they **cannot release records** or give access to students.
- **FSD staff will immediately** alert their school principal and assistant principal, who will then alert FSD's Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Chad Hammitt, FSD Superintendent, Dr. Bob Pletka, or other designee.
- **Signs are also located in our front offices** that affirm this process.

HOW YOU CAN BE PREPARED...

Take these steps now to ensure your family is prepared:

- **Update Emergency Contacts:** Ensure multiple trusted adults are listed to pick up your child.
- **Complete a Family Preparedness Plan:** Keep contact sheets and key documents accessible. (bit.ly/familyplantemplate)
- **Know Your Rights:** All people, regardless of immigration status, have protected rights under the U.S. Constitution.
 - Print a Red Card of Rights to carry with you. (bit.ly/redrightscard)

KEY DISTRICT CONTACTS

1. **FSD District Office: 714-447-7400**

2. **FSD Community Schools: 714-447-2889**

- Provides resources and programs, including medical and mental health services, clothing and personal necessity items, food pantries, and more.

FSD RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT: BOARD POLICY 5145.13

Summary of Policy

- **Inclusive Environment:** Schools are safe, welcoming spaces for each and every student and family, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.
- **No Immigration Info Collection:** Staff will not collect or share immigration status info unless required by law.
- **Equal Rights Protected:** No student shall face discrimination, harassment, or bullying based on immigration status.
- **Parental Notification:** Parents/guardians will be informed of rights to free education and protections from immigration enforcement.
- **Law Enforcement Requests:** Procedures will guide responses to law enforcement requests for immigration enforcement purposes.
- **Staff Training:** Staff will be trained on handling immigration-related requests and protecting student rights.
- **Board Reporting:** Superintendent must report law enforcement requests while maintaining student privacy and confidentiality.

[View full policy at: bit.ly/FSDBP5145-3](https://bit.ly/FSDBP5145-3)



AB 699: PROTECTING IMMIGRANT STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS

Key Protections and Provisions

AB 699 is legislation that enhances protections for immigrant students in California's public schools, requiring districts to adopt model policies by July 1, 2018.

- Prohibits discrimination based on immigration status
- Schools cannot deny access or opportunities due to immigration status
- Restricts collection of immigration information
- Schools cannot collect data on citizenship or immigration status
- Requires reporting of law enforcement requests
- Schools must report immigration enforcement requests to governing boards

HOW WE PROTECT STUDENT PRIVACY IN FSD

- **REMOVAL OF DOCUMENTS:** Parents can request the removal of any documents provided by them from their child's records.
- **NO COPYING REQUIRED:** Birth documents will NOT be copied and kept for cumulative records.
- **NO INFORMATION RELEASED:** No student information is released without a verified court order.
- **AFTER SCHOOL PROVIDERS:** FSD partners follow our same privacy guidelines.
- **IMMIGRATION STATUS CONFIDENTIALITY:** Immigration status is only released with a Federal Magistrate Judge's warrant.

INFORMATION COLLECTED FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

WHAT WE COLLECT:

- ✓ Proof of residence and essential enrollment information

WHAT WE DO NOT COLLECT:

- ✗ Social Security Numbers, Birth Certificates (only affidavit), legal residency, or immigration status



bit.ly/ImmigrationFSDFAQ



bit.ly/FSDStudentInfo

LEGAL RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRATION MATTERS

Below are trusted organizations that offer legal advice and support:

- **Camino Immigration Services** - Placentia | **657-217-2365**
 - <https://www.caminoimmigrationservices.org/>
- **Community Legal Aid Social** - Santa Ana | **714-571-5200**
 - <https://www.communitylegalsocal.org/programs-services/areas-of-law/immigration/>
- **Public Law Center** - Santa Ana | **714-541-1010**
 - <https://www.publiclawcenter.org/>
- **World Relief** - Garden Grove | **714-210-4730**
 - <https://worldrelief.org/socal/>

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

1. **Know Your Rights.** All people, regardless of immigration status, have rights under the U.S. Constitution. The Immigrant Legal Resource Center's (ILRC) **Red Cards** help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when I.C.E. agents go to a home.
2. **You have the right to stay silent.** When interrogated by federal immigration officials, remain calm and hand the Red Card (below) to the officer. Remember that **you do not have to answer any questions.**
3. **Ask to speak with an attorney.** You have the right to speak with an attorney. Do not talk until your attorney is present.

RED RIGHTS CARDS

Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

- NO ABRA LA PUERTA si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.
- NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA de un agente de inmigración si el trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho de mantenerse callado.
- NO FIRME NADA sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.
- Si usted está afuera de su casa, pregunte al agente si es libre para irse y si dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.
- ENTREGUE ESTA TARJETA AL AGENTE. Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

귀하에게는 헌법에 명시된 권리가 있습니다:

- 이민국 직원이 문을 두드릴 경우 문을 열지 마십시오.
- 이민 직원이 대화를 시도할 경우 어떤 질문에도 응답하지 마십시오. 당신은 침묵할 권리가 있습니다. • 변호사와 상담하지 않고는 어떤 문서에도 서명하지 마십시오. 당신은 변호사와 상담할 권리가 있습니다.
- 집 밖에 있는 경우 경찰에게 나가도 되는지 문의하세요. 경찰이 허락하면 침착하게 나가십시오.
- 이 카드를 담당자에게 전달해 주세요. 집 안에 있다면 카드를 창문 밖으로 보여주거나 문 아래로 밀어 넣으세요.

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- The ILRC has a **printable Red Card** available in 15 different languages: bit.ly/redrightscard



- Visit the **ILRC webpage** for instructions on how to use your Red Card: bit.ly/redcarddirections





FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Here to Support our FSD Community

714-447-7400

www.fullertonsd.org



Step-by-Step Family Preparedness Plan

This preparedness plan offers guidance to important information you should have readily available for your family planning.

bit.ly/familyplantemplate



View our Presentation on Immigration Information



Scan the QR code to be taken to a link to our FSD Website with information from our January 8th Immigration Informational Meeting.

bit.ly/FSDIMMIGRATIONINFO

Information on Student Records and Immigration

This brochure has been prepared to help inform the community and staff members about the rights of our FSD students.

bit.ly/FSDInfoBrochure



Connect with our Community Center

Our Community Center is ready to support you and connect you with resources and information that provide a range of assistance. Call 714-447-2889.

bit.ly/FSDCommunitySchools

