

**TUKWILA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 406
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 859

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Tukwila School District No. 406, King County, Washington, supporting undocumented students and urging the Federal government to provide them formal protection against deportation.

WHEREAS, On September 5, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced President Trump's intention to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival, or DACA, program. Enrollment in the DACA program provides temporary protection from deportations; and

WHEREAS, The DACA provides employment authorization and protection from deportation for undocumented immigrants who entered the United States as children and has benefitted nearly 800,000 undocumented youth since it began in 2012, giving them an opportunity to achieve the American dream; and

WHEREAS, Migration to this country is often propelled by social, economic and political factors and native country conditions, and immigrants and their families are entitled to compassionate and humane treatment in this country; and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court held in Plyer v. Done (1982) that no public school district has a basis to deny children access to education based on their immigration status, citing the harm it would inflict on the child and society itself, and the equal protection rights of the Fourteenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS, The uncertainty of the current situation causes tremendous apprehension amongst students and their families, as well as disruption in our classrooms and schools, which is not conducive to student learning and has a detrimental impact on overall student achieving; and

WHEREAS, Ensuring that our schools are safe and inviting for all students and their families will facilitate the physical safety and emotional well-being of all children in the District, and is paramount to students' ability to achieve, and promoting identity safety is critical to establishing safe, welcoming classroom environments that foster learning; and

WHEREAS, the Tukwila School District has a legal and moral obligation to provide education to all children within the district, regardless of immigration status and the fate of DACA, but that the uncertainty surrounding the DACA program's future has serious implications for our students once they graduate and immediate implications for many family members of our students;

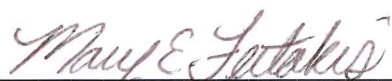
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Tukwila School District will do our utmost to fulfill our constitutional duty to serve every student - including undocumented students - without regard to race, religion, national origin, or immigration status and

that we are committed to fully creating a safe, welcoming leaning space for every student within our care; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors urges Congress to act swiftly to find a positive and permanent solution for the young people who are eligible for protections under the DACA program as it has existed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors urges the presidential administration to reinstate DACA should Congress fail to act within the designated timeframe.


ADOPTED this 10th day of October 2017 in Tukwila, Washington.



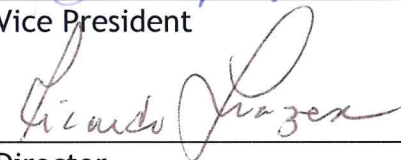
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