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Dear California Multilingual Educational Leaders:

Support for English Learner, Immigrant, and Migratory Students

The California Department of Education (CDE) Multilingual Support Division (MSD) recognizes the continually evolving federal landscape and the uncertainty it brings for both educators and students. We understand the challenges local educational agencies (LEAs) face as they strive to support all students.

As State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond recently stated, "While the federal administration is clearly willing to disrupt pathways to the American Dream, California remains focused on the promise of educational opportunities for all students." (See the CDE letter in response to recent federal executive orders at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/el/le/yr25ltr0320.asp>.)

MSD is committed to supporting LEAs as they continue to create asset-based, needs-responsive schools for multilingual English learners, immigrant, and migratory students, in alignment with Principle One of the California English Learner Roadmap. (See the California English Learner Roadmap at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ml/roadmap.asp>.)

Please share the following resources with staff, community members, and families who may benefit from this information:

California Department of Education:

- **Resources to Support in the Case of Immigration Enforcement on School Campuses Letter** at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/yr25cdoletter0227.asp>
This letter from CDE Chief Deputy Superintendent David Schapira includes a template for an **immigration enforcement guidance notecard for school personnel**.
- **Reminder of Obligation to Protect Immigrant Families' Rights to Access Public Education Letter** at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/yr25cdoletter0121.asp>

This letter from CDE Chief Deputy Superintendent David Schapira includes links to relevant policies and a **list of statewide resources**.

- **CDE Safe Havens web page** at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/eo/in/safehavens.asp>
This web page details key pieces of information regarding immigrant families in the state of California and the protection of their right to access education.

California Attorney General's Office Model Policies and Guidance:

- Pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 699 (2017), the California Attorney General's Office has issued guidance to help schools foster a safe learning environment for all students and assist school officials and families in responding to potential immigration enforcement. **LEAs are required to adopt policies that limit assistance with immigration enforcement on public school campuses.**
 - **Guidance for School Officials** (Updated December 2024) at <https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/bcj/school-guidance-model-k12.pdf>
 - **Guidance for Students and Families:** The full guide is available on the California Department of Justice's Office of Attorney General Immigration Resources web page at <https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant/resources>.
 - In English: Immigration Enforcement Actions at California Schools at [https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/Immigration-Enforcement Actions at California Schools.pdf](https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/Immigration-Enforcement%20Actions%20at%20California%20Schools.pdf).
 - In Spanish: Acciones de Aplicación de la Ley de Inmigración en las Escuelas de California at [https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/Immigration-Enforcement Actions at California Schools-es.pdf](https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/Immigration-Enforcement%20Actions%20at%20California%20Schools-es.pdf).

To promote a safe learning environment for all students and outline how the LEA will respond to potential immigration enforcement actions, LEAs are encouraged to post policies in areas that are easily accessible to parents and families.

Additional Resources:

To further support immigrant families, the Governor's Office has launched a new web resource to centralize information on protecting immigrant families, found at <https://www.ca.gov/immigration/>.

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We are committed to partnering with you to provide a safe and supportive educational environment for all. Together, we will continue to support California's culturally, linguistically, and experientially diverse learners. Thank you for your dedication to fostering inclusive educational opportunities for every student.

For general questions, please contact the MSD at MSD@cde.ca.gov.

For questions regarding programs and services for English learner and immigrant student programs, please contact the Language Policy and Leadership Office at LPLO@cde.ca.gov.

For questions regarding requirements for the Migrant Education Program, please contact the Migrant Education Office at MEP@cde.ca.gov.

For questions regarding requirements in Every Student Succeeds Act, Title III, English Language Acquisition Program for English Learners and Immigrant Youth, please contact the Technical Assistance and Monitoring Office at TAMO@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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