



## CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution Affirming Safe and Welcoming Schools and Protecting Students from Unlawful Immigration Enforcement Activity

**WHEREAS**, the Charlottesville City School Board is committed to ensuring that every child within Charlottesville City Schools has access to a safe, welcoming, and supportive learning environment regardless of race, national origin, language, religion, or immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court decision in *Plyler v. Doe* affirms that all children residing in the United States have a constitutional right to access a free public K–12 education regardless of immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, fear of immigration enforcement activity near schools may discourage students and families from attending school, participating in educational programs, or accessing essential services, thereby undermining the mission of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, schools function best when families trust that their children will be safe from intimidation, surveillance, or enforcement activities that disrupt the educational environment; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts across the nation have adopted policies and resolutions clarifying procedures for responding to federal immigration enforcement actions and affirming that schools are places of learning, safety, and belonging; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence of immigration enforcement activity on or near school campuses can cause significant disruption to the educational environment and emotional harm to students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes its responsibility to protect the privacy of student information and to ensure compliance with federal student privacy protections under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **Safe and Welcoming Schools**

The Charlottesville City School Board affirms that Charlottesville City Schools shall remain safe and welcoming environments for all students and families regardless of immigration status.

**2. Non-Cooperation with Immigration Enforcement**

The school division shall not voluntarily assist with federal immigration enforcement activities conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or other agencies acting on its behalf, except as required by law. Further, to the maximum extent permitted by law, Charlottesville City Schools will not cooperate with any entity that enters into an agreement under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

**3. Requirement of Judicial Warrants**

No immigration enforcement agent shall be granted access to non-public areas of any Charlottesville City Schools campus unless the agent presents a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. Any such requests shall be immediately referred to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee for review.

**4. Protection of Student Records and Information**

Charlottesville City Schools shall not collect information regarding a student's immigration status, nor disclose student information to immigration enforcement authorities except as required by law and consistent with FERPA.

**5. Staff Guidance and Training**

The Superintendent shall develop and disseminate clear protocols for school staff regarding how to respond if immigration enforcement officials request access to school property, student records, or students.

**6. Family Communication and Support**

The school division shall provide families with information regarding their rights and available community resources and shall work with community organizations to support students whose families may be affected by immigration enforcement actions.

**7. Commitment to Student Well-Being**

The Board reaffirms its commitment to protecting the emotional well-being and educational continuity of students whose families may experience immigration enforcement actions.

**8. Advocacy for Student Safety**

The Charlottesville City School Board calls upon local, state, and federal leaders to ensure that schools remain safe spaces free from immigration enforcement activity that undermines the educational mission of public schools.

**Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026**

By the Charlottesville City School Board

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Lisa Torres, School Board Chair

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Date