

THE PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

***RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THAT ALL CAMPUSES BE A
SAFE HAVEN FOR ALL STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND STAFF***

Whereas, Public schools and school districts in California are subject to all federal and state laws and constitutional provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, transgender status, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy status, veteran status, or disability; and

Whereas, The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America recognizes every individual's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, The United States of America was built by diverse people, both native and immigrant alike; and

Whereas, Any resident of the state of California who has attained the age of eligibility and is under the age of 21 years is entitled to attend public school in the school district where he or she is a resident; and

Whereas, The United States Supreme Court in *Plyler vs. Doe* (1982) 457 U.S. 202, held 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, and equal protection rights under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, The Perris Union High School District Board of Trustees is committed to the success of all students regardless of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status or beliefs; and

Whereas, Education has played a critical role in furthering tolerance and strengthening our society as well as treating all people with respect, compassion and dignity; and

Whereas, The Perris Union High School District serves culturally diverse students and community, including persons of different faiths, racial and ethnic backgrounds, and varying immigration status; and

Whereas, Perris Union High School District is committed to creating safe and caring school environments and to ensuring that our schools will foster a culture of trust and respect among all stakeholders; and

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Whereas, All students have a right to attend school free of bullying, intimidation, and discrimination allowing them the greatest chance of academic success.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, The Perris Union High School District Board of Trustees and the Superintendent support the creation of a Safe Haven School District; and

Be It Further Resolved, The Perris Union High School District will promote an atmosphere of tolerance and acceptance; and

Be It Further Resolved, The District will maintain compliance with Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) 2011 policy stating it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes all district schools, facilities and equipment. Furthermore, ICE shall not be allowed to enter school sites or district properties without prior written approval from the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee; and

Be It Further Resolved, The Board of Trustees declares that every campus continue to implement with fidelity District reforms to reduce and eliminate all forms of bias, discrimination, and criminalization of youth in schools; and

Be It Further Resolved, That in order to provide a public education, regardless of a child or family's immigration status, absent any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, ordinance or court decision, the District shall abide by the following conduct:

1. All students have a right to an education regardless of any differences, including immigration status. The District will continue to advocate for and embrace all students as full members of our school community.
2. District personnel shall treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including but not limited to free and reduced lunch program, transportation, and educational instruction. Further, the District shall promote learning and protect the safety and well-being of all students consistently and non-discriminatorily as required by law.
3. The District will continue to take any and all actions authorized by law and District policies to provide equal opportunities and safe learning spaces for all of our students.
4. District schools will remain safe and supportive spaces for students and families free from intimidation, hostility, or violence, including threat of deportation.
5. The District shall not share information that could put a student's security at risk.

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6. District teachers, staff, and board members will model the behavior we hope to teach, including listening before speaking, seeking mutual understanding, treating every individual with respect, communicating honestly, and avoiding inflammatory rhetoric.
7. The District will continue to listen to the needs of all of our students and families by hosting meetings and engaging in conversations with those who are impacted so that we can learn what actions will best serve these objectives before we take action.
8. The District will continue to teach tolerance and inclusion in our schools, set clear and high expectations for how we treat one another, and encourage and equip our educators to address difficult issues concerning race and discrimination.
9. The District will continue to create a sense of belonging for all and aim to foster a broader understanding of our commonalities and differences.

Be It Further Resolved, The Board of Trustees reaffirms Perris Union High School District's commitment to ensure a safe educational environment for all students, serving as a Safe Haven school district for students and families. Our schools continue to be safe places for learning and teaching for all students and staff.

Passed And Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Perris Union High School District on this 21st day of June 2017.

Dr. Jose Luis Araux, President
Board of Trustees