



Dear Ashland School District families, staff, and community:

We recognize that actions taken by the federal government to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program, and executive orders restricting immigration as well as orders to increase immigration enforcement, are unsettling to many of our families.

We want to reaffirm, these actions will not change the way we serve our students. It is our mission to empower students to be lifelong learners, responsible citizens and stewards of the world. **We are committed to educating all of our children and our schools welcome all students and families.** This is not only a moral obligation, it is our legal obligation under federal law.

We will do everything in our power to keep our students safe at school and we will never comply with unlawful requests for information. Specifically:

- We will continue to educate every student in our district regardless of immigration status, which is our obligation under the law.
- We will never ask for or keep records of a student's immigration status.
- We will not release a student's confidential education records without a parent's permission.
- We will continue to refer families to resources regarding their legal rights and to organizations that can assist them with immigration issues.

As stated in our equity policy, the Ashland School District will continue to support all of our students in a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment as we continue our commitment to equity and excellence for all students.

If you would like more information, we have posted links to resources on our web page.

<http://policy.osba.org/ashland/J/JBB%20D1.PDF>

<http://oregonimmigrationresource.org/>

<http://clas.uoregon.edu/resources/daca-info/>

<http://imirj.org/immigrant-community-resources/>

Sincerely,

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