



## MAMMOTH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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September 12, 2017

Dear Mammoth Students, Staff, Parents, and Guardians,

We are disheartened by the announcement made last week on the decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program which likely leaves some of our students, their families, and many community members feeling anxious. We are concerned that in our district, as in others, there is fear about how this change in immigration law may affect some of our students and families.

As we stated in a letter to our families and staff last December, the Mammoth Unified School District remains steadfastly dedicated to maintaining an inclusive culture of respect and support for all students, staff, and parents regardless of immigration status, religion, disability, or sexual orientation. We reaffirm our commitment to providing an excellent education and every educational opportunity for every student. We also want to ensure that our families are up to date regarding current practices, policies and resources that are available related to immigration status and federal enforcement. We have placed a new link under Parents/Students on our District Web page titled "Immigration" to make resources available.

We want every single child in Mammoth Unified School District to know that we will do everything in our power to keep them safe and secure. Our schools are safe places for children. Our enrollment and registration process only requires verification of local residency and does not require proof of citizenship or immigration status. Mammoth Unified School District embraces diversity. We value all of our students and their families and are here to help if you need us.

In addition, California has its own Dream Act, AB 540, which allows students who have attended California high schools to attend California colleges and to apply for financial aid. This is entirely separate from the federal enforcement of immigration laws. As Eloy Ortiz Oakley, Chancellor of California Community Colleges states, "It is important to note that today's decision on the "unwinding" of DACA does not impact a student's ability to attend our colleges, qualify for an exemption from non-resident tuition fees under AB540, or to apply for financial aid under the provisions of the California Dream Act."

We call upon the legislative and executive branch leaders of our country, a country founded upon freedom for all with a long history of immigration, to swiftly enact legislation that will protect the rights of these important young people.

Be assured that in the days, weeks, months and years ahead we will continue to focus on the education of our students. And in conclusion, we want to emphasize that Mammoth Unified School District will continue to stay true to our priorities, mission and values all centered around our students, their needs and providing an exemplary education for each child.

Sincerely,

  
Lois Klein  
Superintendent  
  
John Stavlo  
Board Member

  
Yvon Guzman-Rangel  
Board President  
  
Shana Stapp  
Board Member

  
Deanna Campbell  
Board Clerk  
  
Jack Farrell  
Board Member

*Resources for families:*

Immigrant Legal Resource Center: [https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/if\\_daca\\_ends.pdf](https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/if_daca_ends.pdf)  
[https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/if\\_daca\\_ends\\_spanish.pdf](https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/if_daca_ends_spanish.pdf)

National Immigration Law Center: <https://www.nilc.org/issues/immigration-enforcement/everyone-has-certain-basic-rights/>

The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights in America: [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org)

Mammoth Unified School District: [www.mammothusd.org](http://www.mammothusd.org)