



**PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-2017.28
RECOGNITION OF A SAFE HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, according to the District mission statement, the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Education is committed to ensuring that every student develops the enduring knowledge, skills, and character to make a better world;

WHEREAS, our Pleasanton Unified School District Moral Imperatives state that all students and staff have the right to a safe and respectful learning environment that fosters positive connections;

WHEREAS, Pleasanton Unified School District school sites include any and all locations hosting district funded or district co-sponsored classes, educational programs, or enrichment activities;

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, immigration status, marital status, pregnancy status, veteran status, or disability;

WHEREAS, as outlined in our Pleasanton Unified School District nondiscrimination policy, we commit to providing a safe environment where all are treated equally regardless of race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, age, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity, disability, or need for special education services. This means that all children are embraced as full members of our school community, and that all students have a right to an education, regardless of any difference;

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

WHEREAS, the United States of America was built by diverse peoples, both native and immigrant alike;

WHEREAS, Education has a critical role in furthering tolerance and strengthening our society;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, voters in California and across the nation participated in the democratic process by casting votes;

WHEREAS, California voters during the 2016 General election expressed strong support for public schools by embracing bilingual education through Proposition 58, strengthening funding sources through Proposition 55, and modernizing school facilities through Proposition 51;

WHEREAS, Pleasanton Unified School District is a diverse school district in which 4,952 students speak at least one of thirty-eight languages in addition to English, including, Spanish, Cantonese, Polish, Gujarati, Ukrainian, Hebrew, Urdu, Dutch, German, Tamil, Bengali, Korean, Tagalog, Arabic, Greek, Thai, Vietnamese, and Russian;

WHEREAS, Of 14,703 students in Pleasanton Unified, 1,466 are of Latino/a descent, 8,263 are students of color, and 1,044 are students who qualify for free and reduced lunch;

WHEREAS, the national presidential election has resulted in many students and families in Pleasanton expressing fear, hopelessness, sadness, and concerns for student safety, heightened because of intolerant rhetoric made over the course of the 2016 presidential race;

WHEREAS, as a school district, we maintain our commitment to remaining nonpartisan on politics while fulfilling our commitment to maintaining schools and classrooms that are safe and inclusive places for all students and families;

WHEREAS, students and families across the District have experienced increased levels of hate speech based on their ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation since the election; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Pleasanton Unified School Board of Education directs the Superintendent to support the creation of a safe haven school district. This status shall include:

- Pleasanton Unified School District school sites, facilities, and equipment as safe havens for students, families and the community;
- Upholding Pleasanton schools as safe and supportive spaces for students, staff, and community members, free from intimidation, hostility, or violence;
- Promoting tolerance and acceptance instead of hate speech;
- Maintaining that, in compliance with Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) 2011 policy (or any subsequently adopted policy by ICE) stating that it will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location, which includes all District facilities, school sites, and equipment, without permission by specific federal law enforcement officials; unless exigent circumstances exist, ICE shall not be allowed to enter school sites or District properties without prior written approval from the Superintendent;

- Restricting the sharing of student files, protected under the Family Educational Rights and Protection Act that may be used to ascertain the legal status of students;
- Enforcing the Board's Equity and Diversity Resolution;
- Continuing to teach tolerance, acceptance, and inclusion in our schools, set clear and high expectations for how we treat one another, and encourage and equip our educators to address issues around race;
- Allocating adequate resources necessary to support diversity, inclusion, and the values of a multicultural society;
- Hosting activities and events celebrating diversity;
- Offering educational equity and diversity professional development opportunities for all staff;
- Endorsing a set of unifying activities determined by each school site.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Education will work closely with the City, County and other state and local municipalities and community organizations to ensure our students and families are provided a protected space;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board of Education reaffirms its focus on promoting and elevating tolerance, inclusiveness, and kindness of all students, families and staff at all District school sites, facilities, and material property;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board of Education reaffirm the authority of the Superintendent to protect the data and identities of any student, family member, or school employee who may be adversely affected by any future policies or executive action that results in the collection of any personally identifiable information to the fullest extent provided by the law;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board of Education shall not allow ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents on school sites, facilities or material property without ICE receiving prior written approval from the Superintendent or designee and will continue to comply with ICE enforcement policies as required by the Federal Government Policy; and finally

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reaffirms Pleasanton Unified School District's unequivocal commitment to ensuring a safe, supportive educational environment for all students, serving as a safe haven school district for students and families threatened by immigration enforcement or discrimination, to the fullest extent provided by the law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of February, 2017, by the Governing Board of the Pleasanton Unified School District, of Alameda County, California.

	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Arkin	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Hintzke	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Laursen	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Maher	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Miller	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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