

Resolution NO. 25-13

Lake County School District R-1 Commitment to Safe & Welcoming Schools

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) of the Lake County School District (“District”) has determined that the mission of the District is to challenge students to reach their fullest potential through personal, engaged, and rigorous learning in the classroom and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the District’s mission, it is one of the Board’s strategic priorities to create a space that is safe, inclusive, and welcoming for all; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that effective learning and teaching take place in a safe, secure, and welcoming environment and that safe schools contribute to improved attendance, increased student achievement, and social-emotional health; and

WHEREAS, the District actively engages all staff, students, parents, families, and community partners in building a network of support for every student's academic success and social-emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports a secure school climate, conducive to teaching and learning, that is free from threats, harassment, and any type of bullying behavior; and that promotes respectful, culturally inclusive interactions and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the District and its schools are subject to federal and state laws, constitutional provisions, and Board policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, family composition, marital status, religion, age, national origin, ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to protecting students’ constitutional and civil rights, including without limitation their Fourth Amendment right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures; and

WHEREAS, further, the Board is committed to protecting student privacy in accordance with applicable federal state law; and

WHEREAS, immigration enforcement activities at District schools, on District transportation routes, on District property, or during District activities are not conducive to the safe, secure, and welcoming environment outlined above that is the Board’s mission and priority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Lake County School District that in furtherance of its mission, strategic priorities, and applicable law, the District will take the following actions:

- As outlined in the District's AC policies, Lake County School District shall continue to enroll children in District schools regardless of their race, national origin, or other protected status. Toward this end, the District shall not:
 - Require or collect proof of U.S. citizenship, including but not limited to a green card, visa, passport, alien registration number, social security number, or other proof of immigration status, for enrollment or registration in the District.
 - Except as required by law, collect or maintain any information about students' or their families' immigration status.
 - Ask any student about their or their family's immigration status.
- The District shall
 - Provide students equal access to District program, benefits, and services regardless of their immigration status.
- As outlined in the District's JIH and JIH-R policies, any request made of the District by federal or state law enforcement officials, including immigration officials, including requests to access student information, enter onto District property; or communicate with District students while under the supervision of the District, participating in District activities, or traveling on District transportation must be directed to and processed through the Office of the Superintendent with assistance of legal counsel to ensure the protection of student rights and compliance with privacy laws.
- As outlined in the District's JIH and JIH-R policies, the District shall receive all state and federal law enforcement officials, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or other immigration enforcement personnel, at the Superintendent's office in the Central Administration Office of Lake County School District and not at individual schools. ICE agents or other immigration enforcement personnel must provide appropriate credentials and a valid warrant issued to enter District property.
- Should state or federal law enforcement officials, including ICE, other immigration enforcement agents, or local law enforcement agents conducting immigration enforcement activities, enter District property, school officials must not affirmatively aid in removing a student from school based upon their immigration status.
- The citizenship or immigration status of a student or their family shall not impact the student's access to an education or educational services.
- The District shall continue to support the social-emotional health and well-being of

students through social-emotional health curriculum, activities, and support services, including specifically addressing the effects of the fear and anxiety related to students' and families' immigration status, and immigration enforcement efforts.

- The District shall provide appropriate training on the implementation of this resolution and compliance with Policies JIH and JIH-R for District staff who may come into contact with state or federal law enforcement agents, including ICE officials or other immigration enforcement personnel, during the course of their responsibilities in schools. Information will include procedures for notifying families about ICE efforts to acquire student and family information.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2025



John Baker, President

ATTEST:



Melissa Earley, Secretary