

Subject: Request for Reaffirmation of California Sanctuary School Protections

To: School Board Members

Dear President Murray, Vice President Hsieh, Clerk Lam, and Members Anthony, and Richardson

On behalf of the South San Francisco Youth Commission, we are writing to respectfully request that the Board consider adopting a resolution reaffirming the California laws and district policies that protect our school sites as safe and inclusive spaces for all students, regardless of immigration status.

California has established strong legal protections that ensure every student has the right to a free public education and that school campuses remain safe environments where learning can take place without fear. These protections include limitations on information-sharing, requirements for judicial warrants before allowing immigration enforcement on campus, and clear guidance that schools are considered sensitive locations. In recent years, many districts across the state have strengthened these commitments through formal resolutions to ensure that staff, students, and families understand their rights and feel supported.

Youth in our community continue to express concerns about the safety and stability of their learning environments, particularly those from immigrant or mixed-status families. A reaffirmation of these protections would send a powerful message that our district remains committed to upholding state law, safeguarding student well-being, and ensuring that all young people can attend school without fear.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with the Board or provide youth testimony should you choose to move forward with such a resolution.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to the students of South San Francisco.

Sincerely,
South San Francisco Youth Commission