



SAFE ZONE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, all children are entitled to a free public K–12 education, and the Florence Unified School District is committed to welcoming and serving every student;

WHEREAS FUSD has a duty to provide a safe educational environment for all students living within district boundaries, regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, immigration enforcement actions that occur on or near school campuses, district property, or school transportation routes, including monitoring, questioning, requests for information, detentions, or arrests, disrupt the educational process and create fear that interferes with students' ability to attend and participate in school, including students who are U.S. citizens or lawfully present in the United States;

WHEREAS, FUSD's mission includes ensuring high-quality education through safe campuses, consistent transportation services, protected instructional time, and regular school attendance;

WHEREAS, families and students have raised concerns about safety, emotional well-being, and continued access to education due to immigration-related activities;

WHEREAS, school employees frequently serve as trusted sources of guidance, care, and support for students' academic success and emotional health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all federal, state, and local agencies enforcing immigration laws, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and any school-based law enforcement acting on its behalf, shall comply with Governing Board Policy JIH and Governing Board Regulation JR-R in order to uphold FUSD's obligation to provide equal access to public education for all students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Board affirms FUSD campuses as Safe Zones where students may learn, grow, and seek assistance without fear of educational disruption caused by immigration enforcement activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that FUSD will continue to restrict access to school sites when a visit would interfere with the learning environment. Any request from ICE or related law enforcement agencies to enter a campus must be promptly reviewed by the Superintendent or designee to determine legal authority, warrant requirements, and other applicable legal considerations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that FUSD will not gather or maintain information regarding students' immigration status, as such information is not necessary for educational purposes and may result in unfair treatment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all requests from immigration enforcement agencies for student records or information shall be directed to the Superintendent's Office for legal review to ensure compliance with FERPA, constitutional privacy protections, warrant requirements, and all other legal restrictions prior to any disclosure;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that FUSD will collaborate with local governmental entities when appropriate to safeguard the well-being of students and families;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that FUSD will coordinate with neighboring and partner school districts when needed to support and protect students and families;

Adopted this _____ **day of February 2026**, the Governing Board voted at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present with _____ in favor of, _____ against, _____ abstained from the above Resolution.

Roger Biede, Governing Board President

Michelle Green, Governing Board Clerk