

ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION RE ASPIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO THE EDUCATION OF ALL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

March 9, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Aspire Public Schools ("Aspire") was called to order on March 9, 2017 pursuant to notice and a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

WHEREAS, Aspire operates public charter schools committed to serving all students, including students who have immigrated to the United States from other countries;

WHEREAS, Aspire operates public charter schools in regions with large immigrant communities, including the Bay Area, the Central Valley, and Southern California;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court ruled in *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202 (1982) that public schools are prohibited from denying immigrant students, including undocumented immigrant students, access to elementary and secondary public education;

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Civil Rights and Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Education issued a Dear Colleague letter on May 8, 2014 reaffirming "the Federal obligation to provide equal educational opportunities to all children" without regard to the students' or their parents' or guardians' actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status;

WHEREAS, Aspire seeks to ensure students and families that all immigrant students are welcome to attend Aspire schools and that they are safe at Aspire schools;

WHEREAS, Aspire seeks to minimize any disruption that may be caused by the presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") at Aspire schools; and

WHEREAS, there is no written state or federal law that mandates schools to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Aspire that:

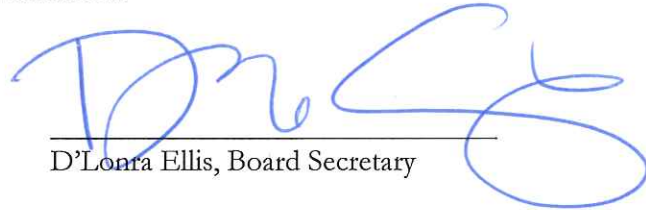
Absent any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, ordinance or court decision, Aspire shall:

1. Treat all students equitably in the receipt of all school services, including but, not limited to, the free and reduced lunch program, transportation, and educational instruction;
2. Refrain from inquiring about students' immigration status or their families' immigration status; and
3. Refer any request or inquiry by ICE for data or information or to visit a school site to a Superintendent and the General Counsel for review and response to ensure Aspire's

compliance with *Plyler*, unless there is an immediate and acute risk of substantial harm or injury.

I, D'Lonra C. Ellis, hereby certify that I am the current and duly empowered Secretary of Aspire Public Schools, that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Aspire Public Schools at the meeting held on March 9, 2017, that the Resolution is in full force and effect, that the same has not been modified or rescinded, and that it is not contrary to any provision of the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of Aspire.

Executed this March 9, 2017, in Stockton, California.



D'Lonra Ellis, Board Secretary