



Resolution to Support Safe and Welcoming Schools
2017-1

Whereas the Colorado Springs Education Association (CSEA) is the sole official elected body representing the certified staff of Colorado Springs District #11;

Whereas certified staff are responsible for creating a safe, welcoming and conducive learning environment for all students;

Whereas it is the right of every child, regardless of immigration status, to access a free public K-12 education;

Whereas the staff and District are committed to quality education for all students including the preservation of classroom hours for educational instruction and the requirement of school attendance;

Whereas certified staff express desire for justice and dignity regarding all human beings;
now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Colorado Springs Education Association (CSEA) on behalf of its members, expects the U.S. Immigrations Enforcement Office (ICE), state or local law enforcement agencies acting on behalf of ICE, or agents or officers for any federal, state, or local agency attempting to enforce federal immigration laws, are to follow District Nondiscrimination Policy so that staff meets its duty to provide all students, regardless of immigration status, access to a free public K-12 education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CSEA encourages the District #11 Board of Education to declare the District to be a Safe Zone for its students, meaning that the District is a place for students to learn, to thrive and to seek assistance, information, and support related to any immigration law enforcement that interferes with their learning experience;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CSEA is committed to supporting the academic freedom of all certified staff who discuss this Resolution and topic during class time provided it is age-appropriate and relevant to the curriculum;



Affirmed on this 1st Day of March, 2017.

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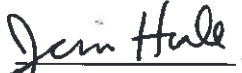
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