



# Pittsburg Unified School District

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Dear Pittsburg Community:

## **Information for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA):**

Since 2012, approximately 800,000 undocumented immigrant youth in the United States have had opportunities for work and higher education through the DACA program. Approximately 240,000 eligible DACA participants live in California and 8,000 in Contra Costa County. Many proud Pittsburg High graduates who participate in the DACA program are currently attending University of California Schools and Colleges and many are working. On Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the President ordered the elimination of the DACA program through a phase-out over a two and a half year period. The President has given the Congress 6 months to come up with a legislative solution.

Pittsburg Unified School District is steadfastly committed to all of our students and to protecting the rights of every child to an education. Our commitment will not change and we hope our lawmakers will come up with a solution quickly. The School District's Board passed a Resolution last year, "[All Students Accessing a Quality Education - A Safe Haven Resolution](#)," and we held a series of community meetings in partnership with our legal firm, Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, to explain the Resolution. The Resolution outlines our policy around protecting students' information and also reconfirms our commitment to a safe, inclusive, and tolerant environment for all students. The full Resolution and copies of the presentations are located on our [website](#).

California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson, issued a press release regarding DACA and the Dream Act in California. In

it, he pointed out that California has its own “California Dream Act,” unrelated to DACA, that allows undocumented students to receive State financial aid for college. You can read the entire press release [here](#). You can also use the links below to access more information about DACA.

<https://www.ilrc.org/what-do-i-need-know-about-end-daca-community-advisory-september-5-2017>

[https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/end\\_of\\_daca\\_spanish.pdf](https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/end_of_daca_spanish.pdf)

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/Benefits-Services/More-Services/Immigration-Services/Immigration-Services-Contractors>

In Community,

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Every Scholar, Every Day.  
They deserve nothing less than our best.  
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