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Dear Pittsburg Community,

I am proud to inform you that at last night's Board meeting, our Board voted unanimously to approve a "Safe Haven" Resolution brought forward by Board President De'Shawn Woolridge.

The Resolution states that immigration officials may not enter schools within our district without prior written approval from the Superintendent and the district is restricting the sharing of student files that could be used to determine the immigration status of children. Please note, our school district already does not and will not collect any citizenship data as part of our enrollment process. The Resolution also reaffirms the district's continued support of diversity and tolerance.

The full resolution in English and Spanish can be found on our website: <http://www.pittsburg.k12.ca.us/Page/5822>

Here's a statement from our Board President, Mr. De'shawn Woolridge:

"I am proud to stand today with my Board Colleagues in solidarity of ensuring that all students within the borderlines of our District and community have access to a quality education in a safe and welcoming school, no matter their immigration status, ethnicity, race, religion, sexual orientation or economic status," said De'shawn Woolridge, PUSD School Board President. "Pittsburg is a community where we stand together as one people. Through this resolution, we are standing together as a District and as a community for our students and families that are being targeted through possible federal action. Our Board has always put students first, their needs and their concerns, first and foremost and the Board's action via this resolution is another example of that taking place. When our students feel unsafe or experience mental distractions, then they are less likely to engage in academic instruction taking place in the classroom. This is the point in which the Board of Education must step in and step in is what we've done through this Resolution. We have adopted the "All Students Accessing A Quality Education - A Safe Haven Resolution," to show our Pittsburg community that we will not just say our district is safe, we will ensure that our campuses are safe and welcoming places for all students and families. I thank Dr. Canciamilla for co-sponsoring this resolution, the

Superintendent for her feedback to make this a strong resolution and the Board of Education for considering this resolution.”

We will be organizing some informational activities for parents, families and students in the upcoming weeks to provide our community with access to resources and information regarding their legal rights.

We thank our Board, all of our District employees, and our community for their continued support and for keeping our children first.

In Community,

Janet

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