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Dear San Bernardino City Unified District Families:

The San Bernardino City Unified School District (SBCUSD) embraces all students and remains committed to providing a safe and productive learning environment for everyone. In January 2017, the SBCUSD Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution reaffirming its strong commitment to the education of all children and making all campuses a safe zone for students and families.

Although some of our students may fear that their friends, family, or loved ones are at risk of being detained, questioned, and even deported from the United States, I want you to know that our employees will continue providing a supportive school environment for all students. We are working collaboratively to build a school environment that encourages academic achievement and lifelong success and where people of all backgrounds, skin color, and cultures feel welcomed and valued.

Regardless of President Trump's announcement that his administration will phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, better known as DACA, we want all our students and families to know that we believe in their potential and we will continue working our hardest to help them reach their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

It remains critically important for students to continue attending school regularly. If you have a specific concern that may prevent you from sending your child to school every day, please share that concern with your child's principal. If you are interested in information about local resources, such as those provided by the Mexican Consulate, please visit www.sbcusd.com/safety4all.

Thank you for reading this letter and for continuing to partner with the SBCUSD in your child's education.

Dale Marsden, Ed.D. Superintendent

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