

BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

**POINT ARENA SCHOOLS
MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**REAFFIRMATION OF THE POINT ARENA SCHOOLS DISTRICT
TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND SANCTITY OF ITS STUDENTS
FROM LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL HARASSMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. PAS-17-6105

Whereas, The Point Arena Schools District (District) is committed to the success of all students irrespective of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, political, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status, or beliefs; and

Whereas, For over two decades, the District has defended the rights of all its students to attend school without regard to their immigration status, ethnicity, race, political, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identify, socio-economic status or beliefs and

Whereas, The District believes that once a student enrolls in one of its schools, that student is a citizen of the District and entitled to all of the rights, responsibilities, and protection that any other student is entitled and

Whereas, This District stands united with those who believe that education is the cornerstone of success and that all students, regardless of their immigration status, ethnicity, race, political, religion, sexual orientation, ability, sex and gender identity, socio-economic status, or beliefs have the inalienable right to the best education the District can provide, therefore

Be it Resolved, The Board of Trustees of the District, in these times of trial and stress, reaffirm these principles to students, faculty, parents, and citizens and

Be it further Resolved, The Board of Trustees reaffirms the authority of the District's administration and staff to protect the data and identities of any student, family member, or school employee who may be adversely affected by any future policies or executive action that results in the collection of any personally identifiable information to the fullest extent provided by the law; and,

Be it further Resolved, The Board of Trustees will not comply with any attempt by local, State, or federal authorities to detain, arrest or impede any student on the grounds of suspected immigration status and will obtain legal support to defend its actions in courts.

Resolved further, The Board of Trustees reaffirms its focus on promoting and elevating tolerance, inclusiveness and kindness of all students and staff at all District school sites, facilities and material property; and

Resolved further, The District will comply with applicable State and Federal law.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Point Arena Schools District on the 8th day of March 2017.

Board Member	Leslie Bates	_____
Board Member	Cindy Cione	_____
Board Member	Jim DeWilder	_____
Board Member	Bob Gardiner	_____
Board Member	Ron Miles	_____
Board Member	M. V. Robinson	_____
Board Member	Bob Shimon	_____

AYES: ___ NOES: ___ ABSTAIN: ___ ABSENT: ___

I, Leslie, Clerk of the Board of the Point Arena Schools do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held March 8, 2017.

SO ORDERED;

Leslie Bates
Clerk of the Board

Mr. Brent Cushenbery
Point Arena Schools