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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
POINT ARENA SCHOOLS (Arena Union Elementary and Point Arena Joint Union High)  
MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. PAS- 25-6106**

**REAFFIRMING EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS**

**LEGAL FOUNDATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Point Arena Schools District Board affirms its commitment to fostering inclusion and equity for all students, including immigrants and refugees at its meeting on March 12, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, federal and state laws guarantee educational rights, including but not limited to:

- The US Supreme Court, in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982), ensures public education access regardless of immigration status;
- California AB 699 (2017), prohibits immigration data collection and discrimination;
- California Education Code §§200, 220, and 234.7, bars discrimination and unnecessary document collection;
- California Government Code §7284.6, restricts immigration inquiries by law enforcement;
- The Student Online Personal Information Protection Act (SOPIPA) California Education Code section 49073.1 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), safeguards student data privacy; and;

**WHEREAS**, the California Attorney General’s 2024 Guidance (“AG Guide”) highlights protections for undocumented students and families; (see

<https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/bcj/student-family-checklist-3-28-18.pdf> ; and

**WHEREAS**, Point Arena’s immigrant and native communities face heightened fears due to immigration enforcement actions, deterring school participation and, thereby student learning, as well as increased stress for the entire school population (staff, students and families); and

**WHEREAS**, Point Arena Schools embrace cultural, linguistic, and ability diversity and commit to safe, inclusive environments for academic success as described in its Equity Statement adopted by the Board on 06/26/2024 ; and

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**WHEREAS**, schools are federally designated “sensitive locations,” limiting immigration enforcement actions, absent certain emergencies;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Point Arena Schools District Board reaffirms its commitment to:

### **1. Equal Access & Non-Discrimination**

- Prohibit differential treatment during enrollment or services based on immigration, disability, race, nationality, and all other state or federally protected statuses.
- Accept residency declarations per Education Code §48204.1 without intrusive documentation.
- Refrain from inquiring about immigration status or requiring Social Security numbers.

### **2. Safe School Protocols**

- Affirm schools as safe zones under *Plyler v. Doe* and AB 699.
- Require federal judicial warrants for all immigration enforcement access, including **emergency situations** (e.g., imminent violence).
- Mandate legal counsel review of warrants followed by approval by the Superintendent before ICE access, unless an emergency situation exists (see above).

### **3. Privacy & Data Protection**

- Prohibit sharing student records with immigration authorities without parental consent, court order, or subpoena (FERPA).
- Prohibit third-party vendors from misusing student data (SOPIPA).
- Forward all immigration-related requests to the Superintendent and legal counsel.

### **4. Support for Community Members**

- Partner with Action Network and other local agencies and legal service organizations to provide immigration support and guardianship resources, including rapid-response aid for students affected by detention.
- Provide access to immigration resources, including hotline numbers, for all staff, students and families.

### **5. Accountability & Transparency**

- Conduct annual audits to verify compliance with state/federal laws.
- Update and maintain current emergency student release information, pre-arranged guardianship agreement(s).

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**6. Community Resources**

- Distribute multilingual guides on rights, privacy laws, and local resources at all school sites, online, and via other school to parent communication systems (i.e Parent Square, newsletters).
- Train staff on immigrant rights, disability accommodations, and privacy laws with Mendocino County and local partnerships.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Superintendent shall:

- Distribute this resolution and a **one-page plain-language summary** in appropriate languages to all families.
- Collaborate with the District English Language Advisory Committee(DELAC), Special Education Advisory groups and the Mendocino County Office of Education to implement protections.
- Report annually to the Board on audit outcomes and policy updates.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Point Arena Schools District on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Sigrid Hillscan, 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 on March 12, 2025.

SO ORDERED;

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Sigrid Hillscan  
Clerk of the Board

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Warren Galletti  
Secretary of the Board

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