

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Austin Independent School District is committed to ensuring that every student develops the enduring knowledge, skills and character to thrive in a changing world; and,

WHEREAS, it is AISD’s commitment to our community that our schools will create a safe and caring learning environment so as to foster a culture of trust and respect; and,

WHEREAS, AISD has demonstrated this commitment for years by investing in Social and Emotional Learning strategies, No Place for Hate, campus-based behavioral health centers, and other similar programs on our school campuses; and,

WHEREAS, AISD’s Strategic Plan states that we hold as core beliefs that we will create a positive organizational culture that values customer service and every employee; engage authentically with students, parents/guardians, teachers, and community; develop and maintain community partnerships; and that we value Whole Child, Every Child; physical, social and emotional health, and safety; equity, diversity, and inclusion; and,

WHEREAS, AISD policy FFH (LOCAL), prohibits any acts of discrimination, including harassment, based on race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expressions, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by law; and,

WHEREAS, under the 1982 United States Supreme Court ruling (Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202), all children are entitled to a public education regardless of their immigration status or the status of their parents; and,

WHEREAS, every student should go to school to safely learn and engage with their teachers and classmates; and,

WHEREAS, we want our community to feel that schools and classrooms are safe, welcoming and inclusive places for all students and all families, regardless of their immigration status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Independent School District will strive to create the safest possible environments for its students and employees, providing them the foundation needed to learn, thrive, seek assistance and information, and reach each child’s potential in an education-focused environment, free of insecurity and fear, for all its employees, students and their families, regardless of immigration status.

Approved on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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