

RESOLUTION

DECLARING CRETE-MONEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 201-U A SAFE HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has held that it is a violation of the Equal Protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment for a State or public school district to deny a child access to a free public education solely on the basis of that child's immigration status; and

WHEREAS, currently neither federal nor State law obligates or permits a public school district to enforce federal immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, all students, regardless of immigration status, have an expectation of confidentiality in their student records and that information can only be provided to third parties in accordance with State and federal law.

WHEREAS, District 201-U enthusiastically embraces its responsibility to welcome and educate all students regardless of their immigration status, celebrates their contribution to our diverse learning community, and will not be impeded or intimidated from exercising our responsibility; and

WHEREAS, numerous students who are enrolled or may be enrolled in District 201-U have their whose education, safety, emotional well-being, and family relationships at risk because of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, District 201-U is committed to ensuring that its schools are a safe and welcoming place for all its students and their families; and

WHEREAS, federal immigration enforcement activities, on or around District 201-U property and transportation routes, including, but not limited to, surveillance, interviews, demands for information, arrest, detention, or any other means, have the potential to harmfully disrupt the learning environment to which all students, regardless of immigration status, are entitled; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois TRUST Act (5 ILCS 805/1 et seq.) generally prohibits local law enforcement in Illinois from engaging in federal civil immigration enforcement activities, and provides that local law enforcement cannot stop, arrest, search, detain, or continue to detain a person solely based on an individual's citizenship or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, District 201-U believes that it is in the best interests of its' students, staff, families, and community members that it take action to reassure all students and families that disruptions to the educational environment that immigration enforcement actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), law enforcement, or other enforcement agency or entity personnel, may create will be lawfully discouraged in accordance with District protocol.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Crete-Monee

Community Unit School 201-U, Will County, Illinois:

1. The Board declares all District 201-U schools to be safe havens for students and families threatened by immigration enforcement or discrimination as outlined in this Resolution, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
2. District 201-U employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives shall refrain from inquiring about a student's or parent's immigration status.
3. District 201-U employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives shall refrain from requiring any student or parent to produce documentation regarding immigration status.
4. District 201-U employees, contractors, volunteers, and representatives shall not, unless compelled by federal, state or local law or court order, or subsequent to receiving a signed release, disclose to ICE officers or to any other person or entity any information about a District 201-U student's or family's immigration status or to any other person or entity any information that is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or the Illinois School Student Records Act.
5. District 201-U shall continue to provide counseling and other social services to all students, including those who fear what might happen to them or family members due to immigration status, and will, without inquiring into the particulars of any student's immigration status.
6. In accordance with Board Policy 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities, District 201-U does not deny any student equal access to any services, educational or otherwise, on the basis of the student's immigration status.
7. District 201-U shall distribute this Resolution to District 201U students, parents, employees, and relevant contractors, volunteers, and representatives by effective means of communication and translate it into languages commonly translated by District 201-U.
8. District 201-U shall promptly review its existing policies and procedures and will revise them to as necessary and in accordance with Board Policy.
9. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED _____, 2025, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYE: _____

NAY: _____

ABSENT: _____

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education