



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: The Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Being a Welcoming Community

DATE: February 28, 2017

At the March 14, 2017 Regular Meeting, I would like the Oak Park Elementary School District 97 School Board to approve the attached resolution declaring District 97 as a 'Safe Haven School District.'

At the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Carol Kelley will plan to present an understanding that the resolution does not violate the law, but rather ensures the District is preserving each one of its school as a safe and welcoming place for all children and families, regardless of immigration status.

In District 97, we aspire to create positive learning environments for all students that are equitable, inclusive, and focused on the whole child. Aligning our actions with this vision, we enthusiastically embrace our responsibility to welcome and educate all students and to celebrate every child's contribution to our diverse learning community.

The attached resolution is similar in nature to the one discussed by the Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200 School Board at its meeting on February 23, 2017.