

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Jay Morrow

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RE: Legislative Update – Part 2

As mentioned in several previous communications, much of our English Language Learner population, and consequently the school community, have been negatively impacted by the threat of federal immigration enforcement. Thus far, the primary issues we have been dealing with are rampant rumors.

However, we have been tuning our response. Here is a brief summary of what we have done:

- Communication, with language interpretations, with our school community, via e-mail and web site on our acknowledgement of the situation.
- Reviewed with our front-line employees what to do if authorities visit campus.
- Attend legal webinars and consult with legal counsel.

## Internally, our processes are:

- If ICE were to visit campus looking for a student, the only thing we will legally act upon/respond to is if there is a criminal warrant, signed by a judge.
- In communication with East Moline Police, they will follow State law and only assist federal authorities if there is a warrant signed by a judge.

## Looking forward:

- The Illinois State Board of Education has indicated new or updated policies are not needed at this time, since existing State law provides legal protection for students and school districts.
- Consequently, at this time no additional BOE action is recommended.
- We will continue to monitor the situation and do our best to alleviate fear in our school community.