



River Trails

SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHOOL ACCESS, STUDENT PRIVACY, AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Consistent with the Safe Schools for All Act (105 ILCS 5/22-105)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of River Trails School District 26 (“District”) is committed to maintaining safe, orderly, and welcoming school environments where all students can learn without disruption;

WHEREAS, Illinois law provides that no child may be denied access to a free public elementary or secondary education based on the child’s actual or perceived immigration or citizenship status, or that of the child’s parent or guardian, as codified in the Safe Schools for All Act, Public Act 104-0288 (105 ILCS 5/22-105);

WHEREAS, the Safe Schools for All Act requires school districts to protect the integrity of school learning environments and to ensure that no student or parent is discouraged from attending or participating in school due to the threat of immigration enforcement activity on school property;

WHEREAS, the District is required to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the Illinois School Student Records Act, which govern the collection, maintenance, and disclosure of student records and personally identifiable information;

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education has issued guidance clarifying district responsibilities related to requests from law enforcement agencies, including immigration enforcement agencies, to enter school facilities or access students or student records, and distinguishing between judicial warrants, nonjudicial warrants, subpoenas, and other documents;

WHEREAS, the District routinely cooperates with law enforcement agencies on matters involving student safety, emergency response, and criminal investigations, consistent with applicable law;



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WHEREAS, the District has a responsibility to manage and control the use of District property and resources for educational purposes and to prevent use of school facilities in a manner that interferes with school operations or undermines the learning environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of River Trails School District 26 affirms the following principles and directives, consistent with 105 ILCS 5/22-105 and related guidance:

1. Commitment to Access and Non-Discrimination

The District affirms that no student shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, any District program or activity on the basis of the student's or the student's parent's or guardian's actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status.

2. Protection of the School Learning Environment

District property exists to support the District's educational mission. The District shall manage its facilities, resources, and operations to protect the integrity of school learning environments and to minimize disruptions to instruction and student services.

3. Use of District Property

The District shall not permit District property, facilities, equipment, or staff resources to be used for civil immigration enforcement activities unrelated to District operations, including staging, briefing, or similar uses, except where required by a valid judicial order.

4. Requests for Access to Schools, Students, or Non-Public Areas

Any request by law enforcement personnel, including immigration enforcement agents, to enter a school building, access non-public areas of District property, or access a student during the school day shall be referred immediately to an authorized District administrator designated by the Superintendent and reviewed in consultation with District legal counsel.



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The District shall not provide voluntary access to non-public areas of District property or to students for questioning, interview, or removal unless consistent with the law and subject to a judicial issued warrant. Furthermore, for safety reasons, no member of the District 26 community (including students and staff) should approach or engage with any immigration enforcement activity occurring on or near District property. Any concerns should be immediately directed to a designated District administrator.

Adopted this 14th day of April, 2026.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

BOARD OF EDUCATION,
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COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Vice President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education