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Resolution No. 184

In Support of Families and Children in District 24 During ICE Deportations

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WHEREAS, Community Education Council District 24 serves one of the most diverse communities in New York City, home to families from every background, culture, and language, all of whom enrich our schools and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, immigrant families face unique fears and challenges related to deportations carried out by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and these actions can result in trauma and separation that deeply affect children; and

WHEREAS, the impact of deportations does not stop at individual families, but ripples outward to affect peers, educators, and the wider school community—creating an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear that undermines learning and well-being for all children; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DOE) has affirmed its unwavering commitment to protecting students by ensuring that:

- Federal agents, including ICE, are not permitted to enter schools except when absolutely required by law;
- The DOE does not track the immigration status of students or their families, and does not release student information unless required by law;
- All students, regardless of status, are guaranteed access to a high-quality education in a safe and supportive environment; and

WHEREAS, the DOE provides vital programs and resources for immigrant students and families, including:

- The Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA), which offers free and confidential legal immigration help (Hotline: 800-354-0365 or call 311 and say “immigration legal”);
- ActionNYC, connecting families to free legal help, including assistance with standby guardianship;

- Project Open Arms, offering academic, language, and social-emotional supports for

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asylum-seeking children;

- Multilingual and Immigrant Student Support, focused on equitable access, community building, and culturally responsive practices;

- Family Welcome Centers, providing enrollment support for new immigrant families, with immediate enrollment guaranteed under the federal McKinney-Vento Act for students in temporary housing;

- Access to IDNYC, healthcare through NYC Health + Hospitals, emergency food and housing resources via 311, and higher education opportunities under the DREAM Act; and

WHEREAS, public schools are at the heart of our democracy, and New York City schools remain safe places for all students, families, and educators;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Education Council District 24 reaffirms its solidarity with immigrant families, recognizing that they are most directly impacted by deportations, while also acknowledging the broader effects on peers, educators, and the community as a whole; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council commits to ensuring families in District 24 are aware of the DOE's protections and resources, and will work to connect families to the supports they need to thrive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council celebrates the daily work of our educators, school staff, and leaders, who ensure that our schools are places of safety, welcome, and belonging for all children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Education Council District 24 declares that no child should ever feel invisible, unsafe, or unsupported in their own school community, and affirms our role in standing with families to uphold that promise.

Adopted and voted by the CEC24 members at the September 16th meeting.