

SBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT #8

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Dear Osborn Families:

Over the past couple weeks, the subject of immigration has been widely discussed in our community and across the country. There have been a series of executive orders related to immigration, as well as calls for increased immigration enforcement nationwide. I am writing to you today to affirm our commitment to procedures and policies that will continue protecting the rights of children in our schools.

By law, a child's immigration status (or that of their parents) does not affect their right to receive a public education. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the privacy of student education records and restricts the sharing of personally identifiable information without parental consent. This includes data that could reveal a student's immigration status. Additionally, schools are not allowed to share student records with immigration or law enforcement agencies without guardian consent or a judicial order. ICE officials must have a judicial warrant to enter school property. If a judicial warrant is presented, parental consent is required before officials can interview any student.

I will be working with every front office staff on clear steps to take should any agency present themselves in our schools, including whom to contact from my office to assure that I am present, or a member of our district administrative team is present to assist the front office of the school in protecting our children's rights.

In service of you and your children is how we thrive! We are here to create the trusting environment, focused of safe, healthy, learning environments for children and responsive to the needs of families. We are here to assist students and families in any way we can, and we encourage you to reach out to your child's school office at any time. Our principals and social workers are ready to help, whether through direct support or by connecting you with resources available in our community.

Thank you for your support as we navigate this challenging time as an educational community. For questions, I can be reached at mrobert@osbornsd.org or (602) 707-2001.

Please know we will remain fully committed to the safety and well-being of our students and their right to attend school.

Respectfully,

Michael Robert, Ed.D.,

Superintendent, Osborn School District