High Desert
Education Service District

HIGH DESERT EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO 99-25

TO REAFFIRM THE BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO THE ADMISSION, SAFETY AND PRIVACY OF OUR STUDENTS

WHEREAS, parents, students, and community members have expressed to the District fear and confusion about the continued physical and emotional safety of all students and the right to access a free public education through District programs and services;

WHEREAS, the District is responsible for, pursuant to public education objectives and core beliefs stated in Board Policy, the education and safety of every student, regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to, pursuant to commitments stated in Board Policy, ensuring a safe learning and working environment for all students and employees, regardless of immigration status;

WHEREAS, federal immigration law enforcement activities, on or around District property, whether by surveillance, interview, demand for information, arrest, detention, or any other means, harmfully disrupt the learning environment to which all students, regardless of immigration status, are entitled and significantly interfere with the ability of all students, including U.S. citizen students and students who hold other legal grounds for presence in the U.S., to access a free public education; and

WHEREAS, the District is not authorized to collect information related to a student's immigration status and is otherwise committed to preserving, pursuant to Board Policy, the privacy of student information, including information, if any, maintained by the District relevant to a student's immigration status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors for the High Desert Education Service District hereby reaffirms its commitment to students, parents and guardians that the District shall fully implement and enforce its Board Policies, as required by law, to ensure the admission and safety of students and to safeguard the privacy of student information;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors for the High Desert Education Service District hereby directs the Superintendent to take further necessary action to ensure students, parents and guardians are directed to available resources for assistance in understanding and exercising their rights under applicable laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors for the High Desert Education Service District hereby directs the Superintendent to create a protocol for responding to contacts by federal immigration enforcement agents that is consistent with applicable law, including the legal rights of the individuals who may be subject to immigration enforcement actions, and train relevant staff members at each site on the same.

This resolution was approved and declared adopted on the 21st day of January 2025.

Matt McGowan, Board Chair

Carlos Perez, Board Vice-Chair