

Safe Schools Resolution

Affirmation of The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, The Edgartown School, The Oak Bluffs School, The Tisbury School, The West Tisbury School, The Chilmark School, and The Martha's Vineyard Charter School as Safe Zones: *The Educational Rights of All Students Regardless of Immigration Status and District Procedure with Regard to Immigration Enforcement Action*

The School Committee declares and this resolution affirms Martha's Vineyard Public Schools as welcoming places of learning for all students to thrive and to seek assistance, information, and support.

The School Committee believes that this safe and caring learning environment would be threatened by the presence of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employees or agents on District property for the purpose of obtaining information about students and families or for the purpose of removing or detaining students or their families;

In light of recent immigration law enforcement activities, parents and students have expressed concern regarding the protection of students' educational rights and those actions that the District will take to protect these rights and respond to ICE and/or DHS requests for information or access to students and staff for the purpose of immigration enforcement activities;

All existing school committee policies regarding the protection of the educational rights of all students shall be strictly and uniformly enforced. These policies include, but are not limited to: *Statement of Civil Rights Policy; Harassment Policy; Anti-Bias Policy; Bullying Policy; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notification, and, Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services.*

The Superintendent **OR DESIGNEE** shall **AFFIRM** a written protocol that develops related procedures, to prepare in the event that a minor child attending school in the District is deprived of adult care, supervision or guardianship outside of school for any reason, including federal immigration law enforcement action, such as detention or deportation by ICE.

The Superintendent **OR DESIGNEE** **AFFIRM** written procedures and protocols consistent with the laws and District policy to address requests for student or family information and access to students, staff or District property, including such requests from ICE/DHS.

The superintendent **OR DESIGNEE** shall, with the support of the present Safe Schools task force, within 6 months of the date of this resolution, **AFFIRM** current best inclusive practices that ensure **CULTURAL COMPETENCY**, tolerance and empathy in the areas of curriculum, parent outreach, professional development, and school culture. Subsequently, an advisory will be developed, including representatives of all stakeholder groups, to identify areas of need and develop action plans to address these needs.