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Teresa M. Rafferty Superintendent of Schools

David Oliveira Business Administrator/Board Secretary

WHEREAS, the Piscataway Township Board of Education recognizes and celebrates the unique ethnic, racial and cultural diversity of our school district; and

WHEREAS, the Board has taken note of recent political rhetoric targeting undocumented residents and various immigrant and religious populations in our country; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to assure all Piscataway residents of the district's commitment to educating all school-age children who live in the district, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy characterizes public schools as "sensitive locations," places where, in the normal course, enforcement actions should not occur; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that while the Board acknowledges the mission of law enforcement agencies charged with enforcing our Nation's immigration laws, it views its own role as assuring the education of all school-age children for so long as they may reside in Piscataway, not as an agent of law enforcement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board reaffirms its commitment to equal opportunity for all schoolage students residing in Piscataway to attend, and to enjoy all opportunities and benefits available in, the schools of our district, regardless of ethnicity, race or immigration status, and free from harassment or intimidation, for so long as they may reside in Piscataway; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will protect student confidentiality and will not share private information unless required by law or a court order, and we expect all persons employed by the Piscataway Schools to protect student privacy and confidentiality, as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in keeping with this commitment, the Board's General Counsel shall advise the Administration regarding the limits of the district's obligation to cooperate with federal immigration authorities, and that the Administration shall refrain from voluntary cooperation beyond those limits.

Moved by: Ms. Cherry Seconded by: Mr. Stern

Roll Call Vote: Yeas 8 Nays 0 Abstain 0

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct abstract of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Piscataway Township Board of Education held on January 26, 2017 and in that respect is a true and correct copy of its minutes.

School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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TEANECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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BOARD OPERATIONS

7. That the Board approve the following Resolution:

AFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO EDUCATE ALL CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the Teaneck Board of Education recognizes and celebrates the unique ethnic, racial, and cultural diversity of our school district; and WHEREAS, the Board has taken note of recent political rhetoric targeting undocumented residents and various immigrant and religious populations in our country; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to assure all Teaneck residents of the district's commitment to educating all school-age children who live in the district, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy characterizes public schools as "sensitive locations," places where, in the normal course, enforcement actions should not occur; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that while the Board acknowledges the mission of law enforcement agencies charged with enforcing our Nation's immigration laws, it views its own role as assuring the education of all school-age children for so long as they may reside in Teaneck, not as an agent of law enforcement; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board reaffirms its commitment to equal opportunity for all school-age students residing in Teaneck to attend, and to enjoy all opportunities and benefits available in, the schools of our district, regardless of ethnicity, race or immigration status, and free from harassment or intimidation, for so long as they may reside in Teaneck; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will protect student confidentiality and will not share private information unless required by law or a court order, and we expect all persons employed by the Teaneck Schools to protect student privacy and confidentiality, as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in keeping with this commitment, the Board's General Counsel shall advise the Administration regarding the limits of the district's obligation to cooperate with federal immigration authorities, and that the Administration shall refrain from voluntary cooperation beyond those limits.