

Offered by Councillor Jackson



CITY OF BOSTON FOR CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM SANCTUARY SCHOOLS IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

- WHEREAS, Boston has a proud constituency of immigrants who hail from all parts of the world;
- WHEREAS, The Boston Public Schools (BPS) are home to children from 139 countries and nearly one in two students speak a language other than English at home;
- WHEREAS, In light of the recent presidential executive orders, there are increased safety concerns and fear of deportation amongst immigrants in Boston;
- WHEREAS, If BPS sites do not have sanctuary status, families may fear bringing their children to school at all;
- WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) must not be allowed to enter any BPS sites except with explicit permission from the Superintendent and the District Attorney;
- WHEREAS, BPS should not ask for or require proof of legal immigration status upon enrollment, or at other times where student or family data is collected;
- WHEREAS, BPS should refuse all voluntary information sharing with ICE across all aspects of BPS to the fullest extent possible under the law;
- WHEREAS, BPS teachers, administrators, and staff should understand existing City and BPS immigration policy and notify in multiple languages BPS families to fully inform them of their rights in the District.
- WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable and uphold one of their most basic rights to education, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council affirms that students, parents, and staff in Boston Public Schools have the right to safe education, without the worry of detention by immigration officials.