**Reclaiming the Promise of the American DREAM for ALL**

***Parents, Students and Educators Working Together on DACA & DAPA Implementation***

WHEREAS, Public Schools should be safe havens that embrace all students and families,

regardless of citizenship and national origin; and

WHEREAS, Insert name of the School District should reaffirm its commitment to making public schools in the district safe, welcoming places of learning for all students; and

WHEREAS, Insert Name of School District has the responsibility to protect the educational rights of all children and serve those who comply with laws that mandate compulsory education; and

WHEREAS, many children born in the United States are denied their birthright to grow up in a country where they receive a quality public education and have access to nutrition and quality care because they are held in ICE detention centers with their undocumented parents and sometimes get deported with them; and

WHEREAS, the human impact of deportations is incalculable—tearing families apart, interrupting children’s education and school attendance, and disrupting communities and workplaces throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, laws that deny children access to public education generate fear, institutionalize racial profiling and encourage discrimination. Such laws discourage communities from working with law enforcement agents to report, solve and prevent serious crime; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate solution to our national immigration crisis is congressional action on comprehensive immigration reform with a realistic pathway to citizenship for all aspiring Americans; and

WHEREAS, immigration is a federal responsibility and a comprehensive national approach to solve our broken immigration system would strengthen the economy of our community and of our country; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of congressional action, President Obama exercised his executive powers in June 2012 to create the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which has enjoyed broad public support as over 750,000 DREAMers have been granted administrative relief; and

WHEREAS, after Congress again repeatedly failed to act, President Obama exercised his executive authority again in November 2014 to expand the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and create the Deferred Action for Parents of American Born Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA)—actions that have the potential to benefit 5 million aspiring Americans, including many in our community; and

WHEREAS, these executive actions are a step in the right direction to secure our borders, grow our economy, and strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, students, parents, teachers, educators, school support staff and other service providers play a critical role in helping to inform and assist eligible students and family members apply for DACA and DAPA; and

WHEREAS, rather than being punished for their immigration status, students and their families should be recognized for their sacrifice, hard work, determination and contributions that strengthen our school district and our community;

WHEREAS, we hope to see the day when the children we welcome in the Insert Name of School District will *all* be equally embraced in our society and our community, so that the lessons we teach in our classrooms about equality, inclusion and tolerance are reflected in the laws that govern our country and in the way we treat one another; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, Insert name of School District affirms its commitment to work with Insert name of AFT Local educators, school support staff, students and parents to support the rights, dignity, respect and education of all students and their families in the District; and

RESOLVED, Insert name of School District will work with community partners to implement DACA and DAPA programs by hosting educational forums and clinics across the District—to educate students and their families about potential administrative relief; and

RESOLVED, when the application and guidelines are released by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Insert name of School District’s Superintendent will pursue all options to assist eligible students and their families to apply for DACA and DAPA relief envisioned by President Obama’s executive actions; and

RESOLVED, the Insert name of School District commits to supporting current and former

DACA eligible students and their families in their request for school transcripts; and

RESOLVED, the Insert name of School District also commits to supporting DAPA eligible

parents whose children were or are enrolled in the district with their request for school

transcripts; and

RESOLVED, Insert name of School District urges Congress to pass a permanent solution to

fix our broken immigration system; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of Congress representing the

interests of the District and the students and families we serve.