

# AFT'S EDUCATION, NOT DEPORTATION PROGRAM



Now more than ever, educators and school staff must be equipped to protect the rights and well-being of the immigrant students and families they serve. Schools should be safe havens—sanctuary spaces of learning that welcome all children, including unaccompanied and refugee youth, regardless of immigration status.

The U.S. Supreme Court affirmed in *Plyler v. Doe* that every child, no matter their documentation status, has a constitutional right to a free public K-12 education—one that fosters self-sufficiency and civic participation. But today, that right is under threat. Escalating immigration enforcement actions, including raids and home apprehensions, are causing lasting psychological, emotional and physical harm to children and eroding the trust that educators work hard to build.

Through the AFT's Education, Not Deportation Program, we have reached thousands across the nation, providing essential guidance and know-your-rights trainings to support immigrant communities, and offering multilingual resources to combat the fear and misinformation threatening the safety and well-being of immigrant populations.

Through partnerships with community and immigrant rights organizations, the AFT serves as a beacon of hope and resilience for immigrants. The AFT is committed to standing with immigrant students and their families—especially in this moment of growing fear and uncertainty.

For the AFT's latest resources, visit our immigration hub at [www.aft.org/immigration](http://www.aft.org/immigration).

Our toolkits and resources equip you with immediate guidance, know-your-rights materials and action steps to help ensure every student feels safe, supported and seen. Now more than ever, our schools must stand as sanctuaries of hope and justice.



The AFT is a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.

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