

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF OUR IMMIGRANT STUDENTS RIGHT TO LEARN IN A SAFE SPACE

WHEREAS, the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers believes that all students are deserving of a safe and high quality public education regardless of immigration status, religion, nationality, or background; and

Whereas, the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers does not report students' immigration status to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at any time as reporting is a violation of Plyer v Doe, which states that public schools are prohibited from denying immigrant students access to public education and affirms that undocumented children have the same right to a free public education as U.S. citizens and permanent residents; and

Whereas, the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers believes that teachers should not engage in any activity that promotes anti-religious or any discrimination as young people are particularly alienated and marginalized in the face of bullying and hate speech, which results in physical and/or social emotional insecurity in school; and

Whereas, the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers is committed to the physical safety and emotional well-being of all students within its control, and is committed to ensuring that all schools are welcoming and safe places for students and their families;

Be it RESOLVED, on March 6, 2017 that the West St. Paul Federation of Teachers shall support procedures and practices that ensure the following:

All students have the right to high quality, equitable education. We provide safe environments conducive to learning for all students regardless of their immigration status, religion, nationality or background.

All students have access to the learning and educational support services regardless of the student's or family's immigration status, religion, nationality, or background.

We will call on building administration, building leadership, and all teachers and staff to support a stance of zero tolerance regarding bullying, which includes but is not limited to anti-religious, racist, or anti-immigrant remarks regarding students and families.

We will lead by example in demonstrating respect, compassion, integrity, equity, and excellence in all that we do.