

**CENTINELA VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 16-17/021

SAFE SCHOOLS FOR ALL

WHEREAS: All students have a right to attend school free of fear, bullying, and discrimination;

WHEREAS: The Board of Education embraces the diversity of students and families, and the rich language and cultural assets they bring to our District, and strongly supports and encourages the participation of parents and families in our schools;

WHEREAS: The cities we serve are the home and workplace of many diverse communities, including persons of different faiths, racial and ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientation, and immigration status;

WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court has ruled that public schools are prohibited from denying students access to public education based on their immigration status;

WHEREAS: Bullying or discrimination, for any reason, is harmful to students' feelings of safety and belonging, as well as their academic success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That all students are welcome on our campuses regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That all students have the right to attend school and receive all school services for which they qualify regardless of the immigration status of the student or of the student's family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board declares its commitment that every District site be a welcoming place for all students and their families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education reiterates its commitment to ensuring equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information, the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of January 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0 ABSENT: 1



Gloria A. Ramos, Board President



Rocio C. Pizano, Board Clerk