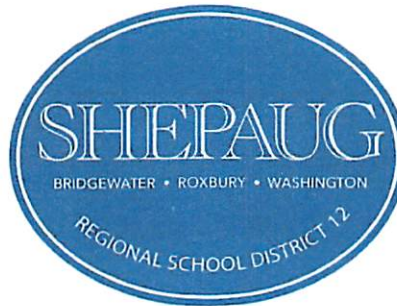


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Dear Families,

Attached you will find important immigration information that I received from Governor Malloy and Department of Education Commissioner Wentzel. This information provides how to respond to attempts on school grounds to question a child's immigration status or to obtain other information about students or their families, and how to provide educational resources for immigrant families regarding their rights.

All children residing in the United States have a right to public education regardless of race, color, national origin, citizenship, immigration status, or the status of their parents/guardians. The U.S. Supreme Court affirmed this right more than 30 years ago when it ruled, in *Plyler v. Doe*, 457 U.S. 202 (1982), that it is unconstitutional for states to deny students access to a free public education based on their immigration status.

In Connecticut, we take the responsibility for providing a free public education to all children very seriously. Our commitment to providing a welcoming, safe, and supportive school environment that fosters learning and personal growth for all our students and their families is unwavering.

Region 12 as well as the State of Connecticut will continue to make sure all Connecticut children and families feel welcomed, respected, and valued in our schools. Please feel free to contact my office or your school principal if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patricia Cosentino", is written over a blue oval background.

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If ICE Agents Show Up At Your Door:

- Don't open the door, but be calm. You have rights.
- Ask what they are there for, (and ask for an interpreter if you need one).
- If they ask to enter, ask if they have a warrant signed by a judge* and if so, ask to see it (through a window or slipped under the door).
- If they do NOT have a warrant signed by a judge*, you may refuse to let them in. Ask them to leave any information at your door.
- If they force their way in, don't resist. Tell everyone in the residence to remain silent.
- If you are arrested, remain silent and do not sign anything until you speak to a lawyer.

*An ICE administrative warrant (form I-200, I-205) does not allow them to enter your home without your consent.

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Si agentes del ICE llegan a tu puerta:

- No abras la puerta, pero mantén la calma. Tú tienes derechos.
- Pregunta para qué están ahí, (y solicita un intérprete si necesitas uno).
- Si ellos piden entrar a tu casa, pregúntales si tienen una orden firmada por un juez* y si la tienen, diles que te la muestren (por la ventana o que la pasen por debajo de la puerta).
- Si ellos NO tienen una orden firmada por un juez*, puedes negarte a dejarlos entrar. Pídeles que dejen cualquier información en tu puerta.
- Si entran a la fuerza, no te resistas. Dile a todos los que estén en la casa que permanezcan en silencio.
- Si eres arrestado, permanece en silencio y no firmes nada hasta que hables con un abogado.

*Una orden administrativa del ICE (forma I-200, I-205) no les da autorización para entrar a tu casa sin consentimiento.

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