

Dear District Community,

As news of changes to federal policies, rules, procedures, and practices that impact higher education continues to be reported on a seemingly daily basis, we wanted to write once again to share a new webpage the District has created for employees and students:

<https://sjeccd.edu/supporting-vulnerable-students-and-employees>

What you will find when you click on the above link is clear direction on what to do if you encounter immigration enforcement activities on campus; a collection of links to various resources for students, employees, and family members; and a depository of all-District communications that have been sent related to changes at the federal level and our ongoing efforts to protect vulnerable members of our community.

We encourage you to bookmark this page, as it will be regularly updated with new information and resources.

We also want to use this opportunity to highlight a [statement](#) released by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond in response to a [“Dear Colleague” letter](#) issued by the US Department of Education on January 31.

In the statement, Superintendent Thurmond says in part, “In California, ‘all’ still means all. While the Trump Education Department announced they will no longer protect all students from discrimination, California law is unaffected by recent changes to federal policy and continues to provide safeguards against discrimination and harassment based on gender, gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation. While federal guidance devolves, our commitment to safeguarding the rights of all students persists.”

We are heartened to see state education leaders at the highest level expressing views that align with our District’s values of Opportunity, Equity, and Social Justice while continuing to show support for all students at California schools and colleges.

In Community Spirit,

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