

# Schools as Safe Havens Update



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# District Immigration Advisory Group

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- Participants:
  - Refugee resettlement agencies
  - Before/after school providers
  - Advocacy organizations
  - MPS departments
- Upcoming Meeting:
  - Monday, April 23, at 4:30pm at South Division High School



# Resources & Information

- Resource & Information Website
- Resource Persons
  - Parent Coordinators @ Schools
  - ESL Teacher Leader & FACE Associate @ Central Services
- Translated Resolution

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## Safe Haven Resolution

The MPS Safe Haven Resolution designates all MPS sites as a Safe Haven for undocumented students and families. The resolution outlines the steps the district will take to assure students and families that any actions that might be taken by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on school grounds will be opposed by all legal means available.

Superintendent Dr. Darienne Driver has expressed that "Milwaukee Public Schools believes in the equitable and fair treatment of all students and families. We welcome individuals of all ethnicities, religions, cultural backgrounds, immigration status, and sexual orientation or identity. In this district, we are all valued and no one is pushed aside; this is a safe haven of learning and support."

**MPS is committed to achieving The Safe Haven resolution by:**  
Designating a person at every school to serve as a resource to immigrant and undocumented students and families.  
Developing procedures defining the appropriate steps to take if law enforcement comes to a school.  
Continuing to follow the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).  
Dr. Driver's Immigration Message to Families.

**Legal Assistance**

- Catholic Charities
- Centro Hispano Milwaukee
- International Institute of Wisconsin
- James Place Immigration Services
- Lutheran Social Services
- Mexican Consulate
- Voces de la frontera

**Resolution**

- Safe Haven Resolution (English)
- Safe Haven Resolution (Spanish)
- Safe Haven Resolution (Hmong)
- Safe Haven Resolution (Karen)

**Questions**

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- > Fact Sheets & Brochures
- > Family Preparedness Plan
- > Tool Kit
- > Video Resources
- > Additional Resources
- > Relevant Articles & Upcoming Events



# Professional Development




- Training for:
  - Principals
  - School Secretaries
  - Parent Coordinators
  - Training for Student Support Teachers (SST) Institute WIN Session
- Partnership with Community Organizations
- Presentation at the Mexican Consulate
- Superintendent's Letter to Parents
- Thursday Updates









# School Procedures

- Sensitive Locations
- Superintendent's Designee
- School Procedures
- Following FERPA
- Record Keeping Practices and Policies

  
**FACT SHEET FOR FAMILIES AND SCHOOL STAFF: LIMITATIONS ON DHS IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AT SENSITIVE LOCATIONS**

All children have a right to a free public education, regardless of their actual or perceived immigration or citizenship status or that of their parents.<sup>1</sup> Education leaders, teachers, students, and families, have asked questions about guidance that was released by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that limits immigration enforcement actions from occurring at schools and other "sensitive locations." This DHS guidance is at: <https://www.dhs.gov/border-security/sensitive-locations-fqs>. To respond to those questions, the U.S. Department of Education has worked with DHS to prepare this fact sheet, intended to help parents, families, educators, and other school staff understand the DHS guidance.

In general, DHS has explained that immigration enforcement actions may **not** occur at or in "sensitive locations."  
These locations include:

 <b>Schools</b> , such as known and licensed daycares, pre-schools and other early learning programs; primary schools; secondary schools; post-secondary schools up to and including colleges and universities; as well as scholastic or education-related activities or events.	 <b>School bus stops</b> that are marked and/or known to the officer, during periods when children are present at the stop.	 <b>Medical treatment and health care facilities</b> , such as hospitals, doctors' offices, accredited health clinics, and emergent or urgent care facilities.
 <b>Places of worship</b> , such as churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples.	 <b>Religious or civil ceremonies or observances</b> , such as funerals and weddings.	 <b>During public demonstrations</b> , such as a march, rally, or parade.

# Thank you!

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