



Dear Students and Families,

I am writing today to assure you that the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) and the Mayor's Office are dedicated to protecting the rights of students and families to attend public school, regardless of immigration status. No matter what happens on the federal level we as a City remain absolutely committed to keeping ALL students, including undocumented students, safe in our schools.

We take pride in the fact that New York City is a city of immigrants. Our immigrant parents, students, principals, teachers, and staff are a vibrant and essential part of our system, and we value each and every one of you.

The attached document, titled "[Protections for Immigrant Families](https://schools.nyc.gov/protectingimmigrantfamilies)" [schools.nyc.gov/protectingimmigrantfamilies], details the many ways in which NYCDOE and the City of New York strive to welcome and protect our immigrant families.

There is an important piece of this guidance that I would like to highlight. **NYCDOE does not consent to non-local law enforcement, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement, accessing our school facilities.** We are steadfast in protecting the rights of our immigrant families on school grounds, including throughout the summer as our students attend summer school and summer programs in our schools, take advantage of Summer Meals, and much more. When our students return to us in the fall, we will continue to champion their right to attend our schools regardless of status.

For more information on the supports that NYCDOE offers for immigrant families, as well as the guidance around non-local law enforcement, visit [www.schools.nyc.gov/supportingimmigrantfamilies](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/supportingimmigrantfamilies). If you are worried about what federal policy could mean for you and your family, call the ActionNYC hotline at 1-800-354-0365 to receive free and safe immigration legal help.

Whether you or your family arrived 100 years or 100 days ago, you are New Yorkers – and we stand with you.

In unity,

Richard A. Carranza, Chancellor