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Dear DCSD Families,

Considering recent federal actions, I want to assure you that the Board of Education and I remain committed to the safety and success of all students in the DeKalb County School District (DCSD).

In accordance with federal law, DCSD upholds every child's right to a public education, complies with all legal requirements, and protects student privacy. Student safety remains our top priority. To that end, I have directed a team of district leaders to convene regularly to monitor federal changes and review any guidance on immigration issues from federal and state authorities as it becomes available. This team will also compile resources and gather information to support our schools and families.

We have informed our staff that if immigration authorities visit their school, they should be directed immediately to a school administrator, who will then contact the DCSD Police Department and document the visit. As with any unauthorized visitor, entrance beyond the primary office and access to students or their information is prohibited without a court order or exigent circumstances.

DCSD is committed to ensuring that our schools remain a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

Thank you,

Dr. Devon Q. Horton
Superintendent
DeKalb County School District