

PazLo Education Foundation

Engaging ALL Learners
Any Student

Strengthening Schools
Any Time

Transforming Education
Anywhere

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NOTICE TO PARENTS

On October 5, 2017, the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 699 titled the *EDUCATION EQUITY; IMMIGRATION AND CITIZEN STATUS* bill (AB 699) AB 699 protects the rights of undocumented students and their families. California law not only empower schools to provide all students equal access to a public education, but also provide equal educational rights to immigrant students in safe and welcoming school environments.

As part of AB 699, Attorney General Xavier Becerra published, “*Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California’s K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigrant Issues*,” found here: <http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/bcj/school-guidance-model-k12.pdf>. This guide equips California’s public schools with information and resources to safeguard the right and privacy of students and their families in the event of immigration enforcement at public schools. The guide offers governing law and model policies for handling and responding to the following circumstances:

1. Gathering and Handling Student and Family Information
2. Sharing Student and Family Information
3. Responding to Requests for Access to School Grounds for Immigration-Enforcement Purposes
4. Responding to Detention or Deportation of a Student’s Family Member
5. Responding to Hate Crimes and Bullying Related to National Origin or Ethnicity

AB 699 encompasses the following requirements for all Local Educational Agencies (LEA), including Charter Schools:

- a) To adopt the Attorney General’s model policies, or equivalent policies, by July 1, 2018
- b) Requires the “Principal of a charter school, as applicable” to report to the governing board in a timely manner any requests for information or access to a school site by a law enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcing immigration law.
- c) Requires the governing board of an Local Educational Agencies (LEA), including Charter Schools to provide information to parents/guardians regarding their children’s rights to a free public education, regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs.
- d) Local Educational Agencies (LEA), including Charter Schools to educate pupils about the negative impact of bullying based on actual or perceived immigration status or religious beliefs.

In compliance with the above, PazLo Education Foundation (APEX Academy and Matrix for Success) and the PazLo Governing Board have formally adopted AB 699 and the Attorney General’s model policies. Governing Board Agenda, Minutes, and Policy are available for viewing. Please refer to Office Staff for assistance. In addition, AB 699 is available for viewing on the school website:

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