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Dear Bayonne Community:

In reference to recent news regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) action, we would like to assure our community of our district's support of all of our students as we continue to provide a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment.

We are working with the New Jersey Department of Education and our community to ensure that our schools are safe and welcoming environments. Furthermore, that all members of our school community feel secure and appreciated. All Bayonne schools shall remain a place where everyone can work and learn together regardless of their background. Our top priority is to ensure that all students feel safe, welcome, and included, regardless of the changing circumstances outside the school.

The New Jersey Department of Education released guidance documents and a website with resources to support schools. Pursuant to that guidance, schools are responsible for educating all students who reside in our district, regardless of immigration status. We have included those resources below:

<https://www.nj.gov/education/security/studentrights/>

As always, our Bayonne School District is a community for all learners where we value everyone's diversity. Our teachers, administrators, counselors, and support staff are prepared, as always, to assist students who may be experiencing anxiety or distress. If your child is expressing concerns, please reach out to your school counselor or principal so that we can connect you with the appropriate support.

Sincerely,

John Niesz
Superintendent