

# Ontario-Montclair

## School District

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Dear Ontario-Montclair School District families and community members:

In previous communications, I shared that in January 2017, the Ontario-Montclair School District's (OMSD) Board of Trustees unanimously passed a Resolution declaring all OMSD campuses as "Safe Havens" for students and families. I also shared that although President Trump rescinded the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), OMSD remains fully committed to providing safe and welcoming learning environments for our students and families.

I am pleased to inform you that California Governor Jerry Brown has signed into law Senate Bill (SB) 54, "the California Values Act". The California Values Act limits immigration enforcement actions at public schools, hospitals and courthouses, where all California residents should feel safe, regardless of immigration status. This new law bolsters OMSD's commitment to our students and families that they will continue to be afforded a world-class education in OMSD schools.

***As a reminder, all children have the right to attend public schools free from discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, citizenship, immigration status, including those in our community who are undocumented.***

When SB 54 goes into effect on January 1, 2018, we hope that families will feel safer and more confident on school campuses and in government buildings, which will lead to improved school attendance and academic achievement. The District will continue to encourage students to talk about their feelings with trusted adults, including principals, counselors, and teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's education, please reach out to your school principal or the District Office.

Sincerely,



James Q. Hammond, Ed. D.  
Superintendent