

HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Resolution 17:3
IN SUPPORT OF UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND AFFIRMING THE PRIVACY
OF STUDENT RECORDS

WHEREAS, the Hartnell College mission states that the College “...provides educational opportunities for students to reach academic goals in an environment committed to student learning, achievement and success” and makes no distinction about a student’s immigration status or U.S. citizenship status in providing education services; and

WHEREAS, the Hartnell College values statement under *Diversity and Equity* states “We embrace and celebrate differences and uniqueness among all students and employees. We welcome students and employees of all backgrounds”; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges, including Hartnell College, are open to all students who meet the minimum requirements for admission, regardless of immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University have issued a joint statement defending the right of all students to obtain a higher education in California and urging President Trump to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program and, “allow these young people to continue to pursue a college education and contribute to their communities and the nation;” and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office has issued a Statement of Values and Commitment to Undocumented Students, reaffirming that the Chancellor’s Office will not release any personally identifiable student information, including data related to immigration status, without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order unless authorized by law, and will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Hartnell College will comply with and enforce the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) which prohibits the release of any personally identifiable student education records, including data related to immigration status, without student authorization or without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order unless authorized by law;; and, consistent with Chancellor’s Office Statement of Values and Commitment to Undocumented Students, will not cooperate with any federal effort to create a registry of individuals based on any protected characteristics such as religion, national origin, race, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, DACA-eligible young people have come to this country as innocent children, have grown up in the United States becoming assimilated, motivated, and determined to excel academically; and

WHEREAS, Hartnell CCD Superintendent/President Willard Lewallen issued a statement to all Hartnell CCD employees pledging continued support for undocumented students and reminding all employees that undocumented students are welcome, accepted, and supported in seeking a college education at Hartnell College regardless of background;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Hartnell CCD supports that it is a safe place in support of undocumented students following from the California Community Colleges Statement of Values and Commitment for Undocumented Students; that the District, consistent with existing law, shall not detain or question any individual solely on the basis of undocumented immigration status, suspected or confirmed; that the District, consistent with the Chancellor's Office Statement of Values and Commitment to Undocumented Students, shall not cooperate with any effort to create a registry of individuals based on legally protected characteristics; that the District shall take every means possible to protect the privacy rights of all students, including undocumented students; and that the District will continue to provide support services, educational opportunities, and technical information to support and inform undocumented students and members of the community to enable students to successfully reach their educational goals.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of February 2017 at a meeting of the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board by the following vote:

AYES:	DePauw, Donohue, Montemayor, Osorio, Padilla-Chavez, Salazar, Serena
ADVISORY AYE:	Moya (Student Trustee)
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None



Manuel M. Osorio, Board President



Willard Lewallen, Ph.D., Board Secretary