



**RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALL STUDENTS
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED**

Resolution 12-1416

- WHEREAS, The Rio Hondo Community College District (RHCCD) is the “People’s College” – In which students from every walk of life, every zip code, every language and every capability enroll; and regardless of immigration status;
- WHEREAS Approximately 17,000 students enroll at Rio Hondo College every year, of which 80 percent are people of color; and
- WHEREAS The RHCCD Board of Trustees supports Rio Hondo College in upholding the values of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion as the core of their educational offerings; and
- WHEREAS In supporting Rio Hondo College, the Board of Trustees holds it as a beacon of democracy for public discourse and free expression of opinion; and
- WHEREAS The Rio Hondo College Faculty Association (RHCFA), Academic Senate (AS), and CSEA of Rio Hondo College holds the classroom and all other district facilities as a safe haven where there is freedom of expression in thought, deed and action; and
- WHEREAS The Board of Trustees supports both faculty groups and CSEA in reaffirming their respective commitment, as representative bodies of Rio Hondo College to fostering a diverse, inclusive, and safe learning environment for all students free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, and fear; and
- WHEREAS The Board of Trustees has encouraged the establishment of educational services and support services at Rio Hondo College to serve the multitudes of people from different walks of life and communities; and
- WHEREAS The Board of Trustees join the RHCFA, Academic Senate, and CSEA in encouraging faculty members to use the learning environment to show compassion and support for all students; now, be it
- RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent/President to work with legal counsel to provide timely and accurate information and training to faculty, staff and students on students’ rights to privacy and the limitations on the information which can be provided to external agencies; and, be it further
- RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent/President to continue to provide a safe work and learning environment by establishing appropriate procedures to maintain student privacy, providing open forums for public discourse, ensuring counseling and support services as appropriate, and include legal clinics for students on immigration matters; therefore, be it further
- RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees calls upon local, state and national leaders representing the educational and civic, business and non-profit, and religious sectors to join us – both as a moral imperative and national necessity – to support the success of all students pursuing their learning and life goals.
- RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees is committed to take further action in the spirit of this resolution including but not limited to those students that are not documented.