

RESOLUTION NO. 7756 – September 28th, 2017

**REAFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR UNDOCUMENTED
STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

WHEREAS, Indianapolis Public Schools (“IPS”) is committed to creating a safe, supportive, and welcoming learning environment for every student regardless of nationality or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized the injustice of placing discriminatory burdens on the basis of legal characteristics over which children have no control, and held it unconstitutional to deny a free, public education to children who are not legally admitted into the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Commissioners recognizes the tremendous value and diversity that immigrant students and families bring to the school district; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty regarding the permanent status of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (“DACA”) creates fear and insecurity for undocumented students and families; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Commissioners approved Resolution No. 7736 affirming its commitment to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for all students regardless of immigration status on February 23rd, 2017;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, as follows:

- The Board - and every person in its employ - remain committed to standing with and supporting all IPS students and families to the fullest extent possible;
- The Board encourages Congress, especially those elected officials who represent the students and families of Indianapolis Public Schools, and the President to work constructively towards a permanent solution that protects the security and promotes the future of undocumented children brought to the United States.

The foregoing Resolution No. 7756 was passed by the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis this 28th day of September, 2017.

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