Immigration and Customs Enforcement Information

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The mission of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is to create an innovative, inclusive, student-centered environment that supports the development of independent learners. We understand recent federal orders may create uncertainty for some families, and we want to reassure you that our schools remain safe and welcoming spaces for all children.

All children can attend public school, regardless of citizenship status. Our district has always followed federal and state laws and will continue to do so. School leaders know the procedures law enforcement must follow on campus, and will consult with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools legal department to ensure compliance with applicable laws.

Additionally, our district does not ask about or record any family's immigration status. We will continue to honor all laws protecting the privacy of student records as outlined in board policies.

CMS remains dedicated to maintaining safe, welcoming environments where every child can learn and succeed. If your child has concerns or needs support during this time, please contact your school's student services department.

We want to assure you that the safety, privacy, and well-being of our students are always our top priority. If law enforcement officers (including immigration officials) come to our schools, we follow strict procedures to ensure everything is handled appropriately and legally:

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- A designated staff member immediately notifies the school principal, district police (CMSPD), and our legal team at the Office of General Counsel (OGC).
- We request and review the officers' official credentials and documentation (such as a warrant or subpoena) before taking any action.
- This information is shared with our legal team to confirm that everything is valid and enforceable under the law.
- Officers are not allowed to move freely through the school. They must remain in a public area, such as the front office lobby, unless the principal determines a private space is more appropriate—and in that case, they are escorted by school staff.

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These steps help ensure that any interaction with law enforcement protects the rights and safety of our students and staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school administration.

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