



Chapter 15: “We Are One: Standing with Immigrant Families” Awareness Month

Fifty years ago, Chicano students in East Los Angeles walked out of their classes—and into the history books—in a landmark protest for equity, adequacy, and cultural relevancy in L.A. Unified schools. A series of community events have been organized throughout the District to honor students’ vision of equity and quality education, including a “walk-in” demonstration, a social justice awards ceremony, reenactments, arts festivals, an assembly, and more. Please visit our [Vision 2068](#) webpage for a complete listing of events.

While remarkable progress has been made since 1968—most notably a steady escalation in our graduation rate—some equity issues have intensified in recent years, including anxieties around immigration. The need for inclusive learning environments and helpful resources for immigrant families is particularly acute right now.

L.A. Unified is taking action, and has declared March as “**We Are One: Standing with Immigrant Families**” Awareness Month. Throughout March, we are intensifying efforts to inform employees and families about immigration-related resources; distributing our updated [Education and Immigration Resource Guide](#); and launching a series of **Know Your Rights** workshops, which will continue to be offered throughout the 2017-2018 school year. At the **Know Your Rights** workshops, legal experts will share information related to the academic, legal, health, wellness, and enrollment needs of immigrants, including up-to-date information about the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

You can support these efforts by **Informing students about the Education and Immigration Resource Guide**. Empowering students with information can have a positive impact throughout the entire community, as students are often the ones who gather information and advocate for family members around immigration. The attached flyer can be used to highlight important sections of the [Education and](#)

[Immigration Resource Guide](#). In addition, I encourage you to visit and notify others about the District's [We Are One](#) webpage, which has a plethora of resources and information related to immigration, including opportunities for bringing **Know Your Rights** workshops to your school.

As we engage students around immigration and other pressing issues, it is important that we encourage them to channel their feelings into productive and safe *on-campus* activities. Schools continue to be one of the safest places in our communities, and education continues to be the foundation upon which young people realize their dreams. For this reason, we commemorated the 1968 walkouts today by holding a “*walk-in*” at Cal State Los Angeles.

Similarly, we are encouraging students who want to engage in the national discussion on gun violence to participate in *on-campus* activities. Please click [here](#) to view my video message to all employees and families about learning opportunities related to the national discussion on gun violence.

Again, thank you for everything you do, and have a wonderful weekend.

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