

Robert J. McGarvey Elementary School - Elk Grove Unified School District

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 14, 2025 Issue 33



**Resilient Griffins!**

**Responsible Griffins  
S.O.A.R.!**

We are **S**afe, **O**pen-Minded, **A**ccountable, and **R**esilient!

This week, these students were recognized students by their teachers. Congrats!

**Kindergarten/TK**

- Addison
- Emery
- Bryce
- Riley
- Farrell

**1st Grade**

- Spencer
- Alfonzo
- Emilia
- Jayden

**2nd Grade**

- Robbie
- Greyson
- Kalei
- DJ

**3rd Grade**

- Jionni
- Damian
- Wesley
- Hunter

**4th Grade**

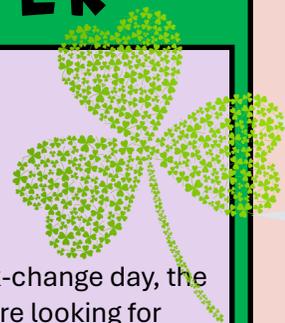
- Ricky
- Abby

**5th Grade**

- Justice
- Edmond
- Isaac

**6th Grade**

- Kaelyn
- Jareed
- Ethan



## Principal's Corner

While some traditional calendar schools are on Spring Break this week, we're glad you're here with us! There's something great happening every day of the week at McGarvey and I can't imagine a better place to be!

This week brings St. Patrick's Day, family picnics, career spirit day, a track-change day, the Griffin Store... and the **Talent Show** is coming!! So Much Fun! Plus, if you're looking for FREE after school childcare, there is space in Assist's Extended Learning (EXL) program. Keep reading for more info. Must be your lucky day! ♥ Dr. Mitchell

McGarvey Families...Join Us For A Fun

# PICNIC

You pick the date: March 19, 20, 24, 25

Weather Permitting  
Cold or rain will cancel.

Due to food allergies,  
please don't share lunches  
with children who aren't  
yours.

Please let your child know  
if you're coming or not.  
Students sometimes miss  
their lunchtime waiting for  
their parents.

Time: See attached schedule for 1st-6th grade lunch/recess times & instructions  
\*\*\* Similar event flyers are being sent home for TK/Kinder grades \*\*\*

Where: McGarvey Quad Area, Blacktop, Shade Structure and Field

Lunch Options: a) Bring a special lunch to share with your child -or-  
b) Students can bring their lunch from home -or-  
c) Students can pick up a lunch from the MP Room

Bring a blanket and find a spot to relax & enjoy some time with your child.  
1st-6th grade students will return to class after their lunch/recess time finishes.



## EGUSD

### Classified Job Fair

The district needs to fill more than 100 positions. Work in a school office, Food & Nutrition, Maintenance & Operations, Special Education & much more!

Jobs are available at McGarvey & Sunrise!

Thursday, March 20

3:00-6:00 PM

Monterey Trail HS  
[Register HERE](#)

1st - 6th grade students will have their regular lunch schedule during the picnic event.

**NOTE:**

Parents will choose the day they plan to attend the picnic.

(Wed. 3/19, Thurs. 3/20,  
Mon. 3/24, Tues. 3/25)

Parents will fill out and return the bottom portion of this flyer to the office so we can plan.

Classes	Lunch & Recess Schedule
First & Second Grades	11:50am - 12:30pm
Third & Fourth Grades	12:35pm - 1:15pm
Fifth & Sixth Grades	1:20pm - 2:00pm

All students MUST return to class following their scheduled lunch/recess timeframe.

Students can only be checked out early following the picnic in the event of an emergency or appt.

## Cold & Flu Season

Colds & flus are taking a second lap around McGarvey. Please stay alert and take precautions. If you're feeling unwell, stay home. Maintain good hygiene practices like washing your hands regularly and covering your cough.

To return to school, students must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of

fever-reducing medication.

Stay well!



Come Enjoy a Family

# PICNIC

TK & Kindergarten

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please don't share lunches  
with children who aren't  
yours.

**PM Classes:** Thursday, March 20 2:25-2:55

**AM Classes:** Tuesday, March 25 12:00-12:30

Where: Kindergarten Playground

Lunch Options: Bring a special lunch to share with your child -or- Students can bring their lunch from home



**TRACK CHANGE DAY**  
*Goodbye B Track!*

**Friday, March 21**  
**MINIMUM DAY**  
**DISMISSAL @ 1:35**

**ALL K & TK**  
**Attend 9:05-12:36**

# Fun Run THANK YOUS!

We appreciate these parents who volunteered to help with the B & C Track Fun Run!

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Alison Burford      | Karli Rojas              |
| Amber Loogman       | Kathryn Fore             |
| Andrea Fischer      | Katie Merrill            |
| Anna Tokarieva      | Kaylie Brogden           |
| Antonio Smith       | Kelly St Jean            |
| Brandon De Herrera  | Kia Smith                |
| Brandy Johnson      | Kimberly McCrickard      |
| Brianna Castro      | Kristel Anne Afos        |
| Cameron Haney       | Kyndra Brunson           |
| Christina Florente  | Laura Paluck             |
| Christina Loto      | Leonard Dominguez        |
| Dana Wolfe          | Lizbeth Romo             |
| Daniel Bednar       | Lori Dominguez           |
| Deanna Ochoa        | Lorine Haile             |
| Derek Gwinn         | Marilyn Rogers           |
| Derek Palos         | Meghan Wunschel          |
| Eric Montgomery     | Melissa Nalath           |
| Esther McGarry      | Mitchell Rudnick         |
| Evelyn Mendez       | Mitra Byreddy            |
| Fersan Winardja     | Mitzie Fajardo           |
| Francisco Resendez  | Nicole Beeler            |
| Franklin Stallworth | Nicole Lam               |
| Gene Rojas          | Nicole Schott            |
| Grace Brown         | Nikki Pantalone          |
| Gurdeep Kaur        | Paul Chong               |
| Heather Bitting     | Peggy Reif               |
| Heisel Magett       | Pooka Thakur             |
| Hilary Montgomery   | Poular Dosty             |
| Jacob Loogman       | Rhose Bernal             |
| Jared Pico          | Rico Morotti             |
| Jasvir Takhar       | Robert McCrickard        |
| Jene Wolfe          | Sagrina Hurd             |
| Jennifer LaBay      | Sara Friedman            |
| Jim Brown           | Scarlett Harper          |
| Joanne Tien         | Shannon Dupler           |
| John Kavati         | Sommer Leashore-Parrilla |
| Jordan Smith        | Soniya Trar              |
| Jose Camacho        | Tracy Huynh              |
| Jose Gonzalez       | Vanessa Singh            |
| Julie Vernatchi     | Wendy Bacher             |



# VOLLEYBALL

Mon, 3/17 3:45-5:00  
Practice

Wed 3/19 3:45-5:00  
Scrimmage vs Sunrise



## Reminder about Cell Phones & Smart Watches

We are continuing to have violations of our cell phone and smart watch rules.

While students are allowed to have 'mobile communication devices' on campus, **student cell phones and smart watches must be turned off and put away at all times while on campus.** Devices may be used when students are **off-campus**—that means **OUTSIDE** the gate.

To protect our learning environment, devices in-use on campus will be collected by an administrator and kept in the school office for a parent to pick up.



## SPRIT DAY Friday 3/21

## CAREER DAY!

Calling all future scientists, teachers, grocery store clerks, doctors, nurses, office workers, military personnel, chefs, paleontologists, artists, veterinarians, fire fighters, police officers, astronauts, **any** career interesting to you... dress up on Friday!



# Important Dates

## March

- 17 - 3:45-5:00 Volleyball Practice
- 19 - 3:45 Volleyball Scrimmage vs. Sunrise
- 19 & 20 - Spring Family Picnic
- 20 - 7:45 Safety Committee Meeting
- 20 - EGUSD Job Fair (3:00-6:00 @ Monterey Trail HS)
- 21 - Track Change Day Minimum Day (B goes off)
- 21 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 21 - Spirit Day: Career Day
- 21 - Dine Out Day with Panda Express
- 24-28 - Paraeducator Appreciation Week!
- 24 & 25 - Spring Family Picnic
- 28 - Dine Out Day @ Panda Express
- 28 - 3:35 Talent Show Info Mtg (outdoor stage)
- 28 - C & D Track Teacher Appreciation

## April

- 3 - 3:00 Talent Show Practice
- 3 - 3:30 Volleyball Game
- 4 - Fun Run Kick Off (Tracks A & D)
- 4 - 4:00 Volleyball Game vs Markoffer
- 7 - Earthquake Drill
- 9 - PFO Meeting (Zoom)
- 10 - 3:45 Volleyball Game
- 10 - OPEN HOUSE (A & D)
- 11 - Deadline to Register for the Talent Show
- 15 - Spring Pictures (C & D)
- 15-16 - 5th Grade Science Camp (C & D)
- 15 - 4:00 Talent Show Practice
- 16 - 4:00 Volleyball Game @ CRES
- 23 (Wed) - Track Change Day Minimum Day (C goes off)
- 23 - Griffin Gala and Griffin Store
- 25 - Fun Run (Tracks A & D)



**Assist**  
PROGRAMS



# EXL 24/25 PROGRAMMING

VERY LIMITED SPOTS HAVE OPENED UP

SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED



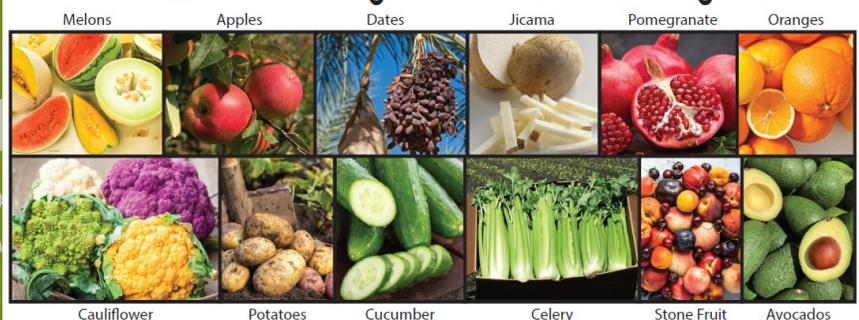
SCAN OR CLICK

Enrollment for remainder of current school year

SUBMITTING A REQUEST DOES NOT GUARANTEE ENROLLMENT. IF ENROLLED, YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO PROGRAM STARTING.



## NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH® POSTER CONTEST Celebrating California's Fruits & Vegetables!

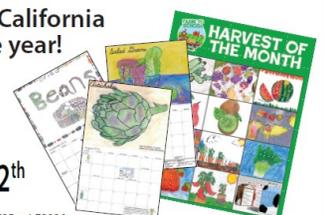


Create a poster that features **ONE** of the many California grown items we have at school throughout the year!

- Prizes & recognition will be awarded at each school. All entries will be kept by Food & Nutrition Services and may be used in promotional materials like our annual HOTM calendar and poster.
- Student name, grade, teacher and school should be written on the back of the poster. Please make posters no bigger than 9x12"

Submit all entries to your cafeteria by April 12<sup>th</sup>

Contact Christine Clark in Food & Nutrition Services with any questions, cclark@egusd.net or (916) 686-7735 ext 78096.



## Construction Update

The new Kindergarten playground is coming along well! Be on the lookout for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration of the new equipment!!



**Hip-Hip-Hooray!!**



## Dine Out Day with Panda Express!



**Friday, March 28, 2025**

Order online at [www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com).  
28% of sales will be donated to our PFO.

Happening ALL day (8:30 AM - 11 PM)

**Apply code 926472 in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout**

Online orders only at ANY Panda Express location

Pickup or delivery

Share the fundraiser code 926472 with family and friends, near and far!

## PFO NEEDS YOU

Be heard! Make a difference!  
Join the PFO Board next year!

Join Robert J. McGarvey Elementary's awesome Parent Faculty Organization (PFO) by becoming a board member!  
Share your ideas and thoughts so we can improve our students' educational experiences and build their sense of community.  
McGarvey Elementary School PFO needs you!

Interested in Joining?

Here are our available positions:

Executive Positions: (2-year term)

- President
- Interim Secretary (1 year)

Board Positions:

- Website Admin
- Sponsorship
- Room Parent Coordinator
- Active4me/Safe Routes Coordinator
- General Board Member



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Voting will happen on April 23, 2025

If you're interested in volunteering with us, Scan QR Code and fill out application or Contact Lindsay Miller at [president@rjmepfo.org](mailto:president@rjmepfo.org)



# TALENT SHOW INFO MEETING

## Fri. 3/28 3:35 Outdoor Stage



THE RJMES PFO PRESENTS

# Griffins Got Talent!

OPEN TO ALL GRIFFINS  
TK-6TH

Sing, dance, play an instrument, do magic, tell jokes—whatever your talent, we want to see it!

Sign up by: April 11th, 2025

Talent Show: 5/16/25 5-8pm

Copy & Paste or Scan to Sign Up:

<https://forms.gle/y5o7MgGh63VcfG697>



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Don't miss your chance to shine! Grab your friends, pick your act, and let's make this the best show ever!



## Guidelines

**1**

Student or groups of students can perform a dance, song, skit, spoken word poem, play an instruments.

**2**

All entries must be pre-registered by April 11th, 2025 with music sent to Talent Show Coordinator

**3**

The Talent Show Coordinator must preview and approve all music and performances to ensure they are appropriate. We reserve the right to disallow any act that does not fit into the family atmosphere.

**4**

The Talent Show will provide a flat stage, electricity and microphone for performance.

**5**

Each act will be limited to a maximum of 2 -3 minutes including entrance and exit. This number is subject to change depending on total # of participants.

**6**

Anyone can participate, groups are encouraged. Students may only participate in one act either group or individual.



# Know your Rights

## Immigration

### Plan Ahead and Defend Yourself

You are invited to a "Know Your Rights" virtual workshop.

Register here to secure your spot and to receive additional information:

[Workshop: Know your rights.](#)



Thursday, March 13th 6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday, April 10th 6:00pm-7:30pm

Virtual: ZOOM

Please join us with representatives from Sacramento ACT to learn about:

- Your constitutional rights
- Ways to protect your family and/or community

If you have any questions, please call Nancy López at (916) 831-5555

These sessions will be held virtually and in English with interpretation, if needed.



# Conoce tus Derechos

## Inmigración

### Planifica y Defiéndete

Invitamos a las familias y a la comunidad de EGUSD a un taller de "Conoce tus Derechos".

Regístrate aquí para asegurar su espacio y recibir más información:

[Taller: Conoce tus Derechos.](#)

Favor de acompañarnos con representantes de Sacramento ACT para aprender sobre:

- Sus derechos constitucionales
- Formas de proteger a su familia y/o comunidad



jueves, 13 de marzo 6:00pm-7:30pm

jueves, 10 de abril 6:00pm-7:30pm

virtual por ZOOM

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame al (916) 831-5555 con Nancy López

Estas sesiones se llevarán a cabo de forma virtual y en inglés, con interpretación, si es necesario.

TIKIZ will be here every Thursday

# SUPPORT OUR MCGARVEY GRIFFINS



Thursday, March 20

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Please send your student

\$5 Ice Cream Bars \$5 - \$7 Shaved Ice

to ensure that they can participate in the TIKIZ experience.



[Tikiz.com/TikizOnTheRiver](http://Tikiz.com/TikizOnTheRiver)

"This is not an Elk Grove Unified School District sponsored program, and EGUSD accepts no liability or responsibility for this program/activity."



# Griffin Strong... ...all day long!

## Message from the Superintendent

Dear EGUSD Families, Students and Staff,

As a diverse school district, Elk Grove Unified is committed to the safety, well-being, and education of all our students, families, and staff members. Our School Board has adopted Board policy (BP/AR 5145.13) that protects access to student information or to students on school grounds. We recognize the increased anxiety surrounding recent executive orders related to immigration and understand the challenges and uncertainties many of our students, families, and staff members are facing. For many in our community, the weight of these uncertainties can be overwhelming.

We are actively monitoring these changes and want to reaffirm our unwavering commitment to making our campuses safe and welcoming places where all students, families, and staff feel a sense of belonging regardless of immigration status or national origin.

In addition to Board policy (BP/AR 5145.13) in place, which outlines how we respond to immigration enforcement, federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. Please know that our district does not collect immigration or citizenship data. There are also many state and county resources available to our community, and we encourage you to access them. For our community's benefit, [here is a link to some of these resources](#) on our EGUSD website. We will continue to update this page regularly to reflect the latest information.

As we move forward, it is important that we continue to support our students, their families, and each other. Our partnership with parents and the broader community is essential in creating learning environments where all students learn and are empowered to succeed. Thank you for all you do to help ensure our schools are safe and welcoming places where every single student is seen, heard and valued.

Sincerely,  
Your EGUSD Leadership Team

**Q&A:** Serving Undocumented Students Information

**LS** Lozano Smith  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

### Are undocumented students entitled to a free public elementary and secondary school education?

**Yes.** Public schools are prohibited from denying undocumented students a free public education. (*Plyler v. Doe* (1982) 457 U.S. 202.) Under *Plyler*, the undocumented or non-citizen status of a student (or his/her parent or guardian) is irrelevant to that student's entitlement to an elementary and secondary public education.

### Can I ask a student questions regarding his/her immigration status?

**No.** The District should never ask a student, or the parent/guardian of the student, questions regarding citizenship or immigration status. (See U.S. Dept. of J. and U.S. Dept. of Ed. Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/05/08/plylerfact.pdf>.) A student's citizenship or immigration status is not relevant in establishing residency requirements. (OCR Dear Colleague Letter, May 8, 2014.)

### What kind of documents must an undocumented student provide to establish proof of residency for enrollment purposes?

Undocumented students wishing to enroll in a school may establish residency by providing the same documents as required by other students. For example, this may include a rental agreement or payment, correspondence from a government agency, a declaration of residency executed by the parent/guardian of the student, utility bills or other documents. (Ed. Code, § 48204.1.)

Schools should be cognizant, however, that school enrollment cannot be denied to a student, undocumented or otherwise, who is homeless and unable to show that he/she lives within the district's boundaries.

### What kind of documents can a school request to establish an undocumented student's age?

Schools are permitted to request documentation to show that a student falls within a school's minimum and maximum age requirements. (Ed. Code, § 48002, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 5, § 432, subd. (b)(1)(B).) Acceptable documents for establishing age include a birth certificate, an affidavit from a parent, or previously verified school records. (See U.S. Dept. of J. and U.S. Dept. of Ed. Fact Sheet: Information on the Rights of All Children to Enroll in School, <https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/05/08/plylerfact.pdf>.)

It should be noted, however, that although a school may request the aforementioned documents, a student cannot be prevented from enrolling or attending at a school because he or she lacks a birth certificate, or has records indicating a foreign place of birth. **There is no legal requirement for the district to retain a copy of the birth certificate in its records.**



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IMMIGRATION-ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS  
AT CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS  
GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

## KNOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

### YOUR CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO A FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

- All children have a right to equal access to free public education, regardless of their or their parents'/guardians' immigration status.
- All children in California:
  - Have the right to a free public education.
  - Must be enrolled in school if they are between 6 and 18 years old.
  - Have the right to attend safe, secure, and peaceful schools.
  - Have a right to be in a public school learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation.
  - Have equal opportunity to participate in any program or activity offered by the school without discrimination.

### INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

- Schools must accept a variety of documents from the student's parent or guardian to demonstrate proof of child's age or residency and schools are not required to keep a copy of the document used as proof of a child's age.
- Information about citizenship/immigration status is never needed for school enrollment. A Social Security number is never needed for school enrollment.

### CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Federal and state laws protect student education records and personal information. These laws generally require that schools get written consent from parents or guardians before releasing student information, unless the release of information is for educational purposes, is already public, or is in response to a court order or subpoena.
- Some schools collect and provide publicly basic student "directory information." If so, the school district must provide parents/ guardians with written notice of the directory information policy, and provide the option to refuse release of your child's information.

### FAMILY SAFETY PLANS IF YOU ARE DETAINED OR DEPORTED

- You can update your child's emergency contact information, including secondary contacts, to identify a trusted adult guardian who can care for your child if you are detained or deported.
- You can complete a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit or a Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person to give a trusted adult the authority to make educational and medical decisions for your child.

### RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT

- Your child has the right to report a hate crime or file a complaint to the school district if he or she is discriminated against, harassed, intimidated or bullied because of his or her actual or perceived nationality, ethnicity, or immigration status.

For more information on resources for responding to immigration enforcement activities at California schools, or to file a complaint, please contact:

Bureau of Children's Justice  
California Attorney General's Office  
P.O. Box 944255  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

Phone: (800) 952-5225  
E-mail: [BCJ@doj.ca.gov](mailto:BCJ@doj.ca.gov)  
<https://oag.ca.gov/bcj/complaint>

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# EGUSD Information Immigration Protection Click Here

### Are undocumented students entitled to participate in extracurricular school activities and other school services?

**Yes.** Unless an activity does not contribute to educational goals, and the denial of participation furthers a substantial state goal, the activity is likely protected under *Plyler's* guarantee of access to education. Because there are strong arguments that extracurricular activities are central to the student's educational experience, undocumented students should have the right to participate in those activities. This right extends to services related to transportation, special education, Section 504 services, and free and reduced meals.

### Is an undocumented student entitled to the same privacy rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act as other students?

**Yes.** All students within a school district are entitled to privacy rights with regard to each student's educational records, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. § 99.1 et seq.), as well as under California law (Ed. Code, § 49060 et seq.). Under FERPA, a school district may disclose "directory information" to certain entities, so long as the school district has given the student/parents notice and an opportunity to refuse to disclose such directory information. What categories of directory information that will be released is a question determined at district level through board policy. (Ed. Code, § 49073, subd. (a).) Other records related to a student's education at the school district, and which are personally identifiable, are protected under FERPA and state law from unauthorized disclosure.

### May an Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") agent obtain otherwise private student records by way of a valid subpoena, search warrant, or court order?

**Yes.** Prior to releasing otherwise private student records to ICE, the superintendent should review the subpoena, search warrant, or court order, and consult with legal counsel, to determine the scope of the subpoena, warrant or court order, and whether it is genuine. In the case of search warrants, the school district will have little time to conduct a review of the documents. If the ICE agent is willing to cooperate with the school district and its legal counsel, the parties should coordinate to achieve compliance with the warrant that minimizes the disruption to school operations. Subpoenas and court orders do not present the same level of immediacy as a search warrant.

### What if ICE appears on campus without a subpoena, court order, or search warrant, no exigent circumstances, and requests protected student educational records?

Under the above circumstances, the school district must refuse to produce the requested documents in compliance with FERPA and the California Education Code provisions that prevent the unauthorized disclosure of student records.

### Are school district personnel required to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws?

While there are no laws mandating local school districts to assist ICE in the enforcement of immigration laws, school personnel are nonetheless strongly discouraged from *frustrating* law enforcement purposes. Actively resisting the efforts of ICE may result in legal consequences to school personnel. Under Title 18 United States Code section 111, it is unlawful for a person to willfully resist, oppose, impede, or interfere with any officer of the United States Government who is discharging or attempting to discharge his or her official duties. Furthermore, federal law prohibits any person from intentionally concealing, harboring, or shielding an undocumented person from detection, where that person's unlawful immigration status is known. (8 U.S.C. § 1324.)