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Students, families, neighbors, and friends.

We at the Community Charter School of Cambridge believe that all students deserve equal and equitable access to a high-quality education and the opportunities that such an education affords. The possible repeal of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program runs counter to this idea and is antithetical to our community's ideals and foundational principles. Through DACA, hundreds of thousands of children have been able to reside in the United States and pursue a great education without fear of deportation. A repeal of DACA will deny these Dreamers -- some of whom proudly represent the CCSC community -- those rights.

We want families to know that we are legally prohibited from collecting, recording, or sharing families' citizenship status information. And we want to assure you that we have never done this, and we do not plan to start now. We are proud to operate in Cambridge, which has forcefully communicated its intention to remain a "sanctuary city." This provides additional protections for our students.

It is our responsibility and our privilege to fight intolerance and to make clear that prejudice has no place in our school community. We will advocate for Dreamers and do our part to ensure that our students, our families, and members of the communities we call home are supported and empowered.

If you have questions or concerns, we want you to know that we are here to answer questions and, when we don't have answers, help you find them. Feel free to reach out to any administrator or your child's advisor, who will point families in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Caleb Hurst-Hiller
Head of School

FAQ:

Q: Does CCSC turn away immigrant students who lack documentation?

A: No. Any child who is admitted to CCSC through our blind lottery is welcome in our schools. CCSC does not ask or record the immigration status of any student or their families.

Q: Will CCSC release information about the immigration status of a student?

A: Pursuant to Federal law, State law and our own policy, CCSC does not track and does not disclose the immigration status of any students to anyone without the consent of the parents and/or a court-ordered warrant. The confidentiality of student records is protected by law.

Q: Will CCSC ever ask me or my child what our immigration status is?

A: No. It is illegal for a school to ask this question as it is a violation of your rights.

Q: What would school administrators do if immigration agents came to their school to ask about the immigration status of students or their families?

A: They would deny this request and bring it to the attention of the Head of School. Any staff member who receives a request for any personally identifiable information should report this request to their manager and the Head of School. Only school administrators can direct the release of information, and would not do so without the written consent of the student's parents or a court-ordered subpoena.

Q: Where does the U.S. Border Patrol operate checkpoints?

A: The U.S. Border Patrol operates checkpoints within 100 miles of any border, including in states like Maine, New Hampshire, and New York.