

Dear Colby School District Families,

We understand that recent changes in immigration policy may be concerning for some of our students and families. We wanted to take a moment to share some important information about this matter and the rights and protections afforded students when on school grounds.

The Colby School District is updating our teachers and staff on their responsibilities and the proper protocols to follow if Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials visit one of our schools in the future. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our students is our number one priority. We support all students, staff, families, and community members. We take seriously our responsibility to provide safe, non-discriminatory, and inclusive environments for all people.

In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, the privacy of student education records will be followed. We also will make sure that ICE officials must have a valid judicial warrant to take any action in a school setting. Such a warrant must be reviewed and approved by a judge, and is something the district cannot refuse to follow. If district officials are presented with such a warrant, we will be in immediate contact with our lawyers, and individuals or families should consider seeking out legal assistance for their individual questions on such matters.

We will continue to support our families by staying updated on all news and developments, and keeping in contact with the school's lawyer. We ask that families keep their emergency contact information updated and make sure to have an emergency preparedness plan in place.

During this time of uncertainty, we want our families to know that we are here for you. If you need any support, please reach out to your child's school office. Our school staff can connect you with resources available in our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Patrick Galligan
Superintendent
Colby School District