Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education

Resolution 17-050 Reaffirming Our Commitment to the Education of All Children and Making all BUSD Campuses a Safe Zone for Students and Families Threatened by Immigration Enforcement

WHEREAS, The City of Berkeley, just like many major cities in the United States, is the home and workplace of many immigrant communities, including persons with who are citizens, have documentation of residency, or are of undocumented immigration status, and international visitors; and that the

bring to our District and strongly supports and encourages the participation of all parents and families in our schools; and

WHEREAS: On November 8, 2016, California voters passed Proposition 58, which recognizes the value and importance of students graduating from our schools proficient in both English and one or more other languages and a diverse student population greatly helps in accomplishing this goal; and

WHEREAS: While there are not accurate numbers of how many undocumented children are enrolled in our District public schools, approximately 23% of our District's students speak another language at home and more than 90 languages are spoken by families whose children are enrolled in our District; and

WHEREAS: In the last few months, federal, state and local government officials

WHEREAS: Any ICE activities in and around schools, early education centers, afterschool programs, and adult school facilities would be a severe disruption to the learning environment and educational setting for students; and

WHEREAS: The Berkeley Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District is mindful of its