

Dear Centennial Students, Families and Staff:

The goal of the Centennial School District is for every student to learn, grow and graduate college or career ready. The Centennial School District remains committed to creating safe and inclusive learning environments for all of our students regardless of race, gender, gender identity, religion, ethnicity or immigration status.

In support of this commitment, on January 18, 2017, the Centennial School Board unanimously approved Proclamation Item 7.2.5 – Proclamation in Support of All District Students and Families. Our Board Policies protect the civil rights of all of our students.

We have updated our internal policies and have been working with principals to ensure that they have the information needed to properly respond and protect our students in the unlikely event that Immigration Officials come to a school requesting information.

A “Know Your Rights” information meeting was held for families in our district last month in partnership with El Programa Hispano. We are also working with our SUN Program Coordinator to ensure a consistent response to these situations.

Here are some important things to keep in mind: Centennial does not collect or track the immigration or citizen status of students or their family. If Immigration Officials come to a school, our staff will take immediate action to protect all students by following our emergency protocols. Centennial schools closely protect the confidentiality of students’ personal information, in accordance with state and federal law. Emergency contact information will not be released to the public. Our schools rely upon student emergency contact information in the event that a parent cannot retrieve a student from school. All parents should make sure that their emergency contact information is current and a trusted adult is authorized to pick up their child in the event of any emergency.

It is an honor for the Centennial School District to serve all families in our community and we are committed to providing the best education possible for each of our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul E. Coakley
Superintendent