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IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT: MESSAGE TO FAMILIES

Dear Families,

As you may be aware, on January 20, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order that rescinds a 2021 memo by the Department of Homeland Security that designated schools as areas protected from immigration enforcement actions.

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

The [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and restricts the sharing of personally identifiable information without parental consent. The District does not maintain student records with immigration information.

Additionally, schools are not allowed to share student records with immigration or law enforcement agencies without written parent consent or a judicial order.

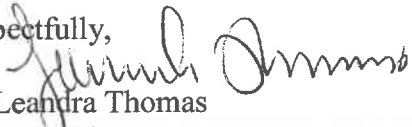
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials must have a judicial warrant to enter school property. If a warrant is presented, parents will be notified immediately before ICE officials interview any student.

The Ganado Unified School District is updating our teachers and staff on their responsibilities and the proper protocols to follow if ICE officials visit one of our schools in the future. We are working closely with education attorneys as changes are made in immigration enforcement. As always, the safety and wellbeing of our students is our number one priority.

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 social workers can provide direct support and/or connect you with resources available in our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important communication.

Respectfully,


Dr. Leandra Thomas
Superintendent