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The Oregon School Board Member of Color Caucus (OSBMCC) serves the mission “to promote quality education for all students with an emphasis on the unique needs of students of color.”

Caucus leadership is disheartened by the recent federal actions related to immigration and documentation that have created fear for many students, staff, and families in Oregon who are either directly or indirectly impacted by them. As a caucus we stand with OSBA’s January 21, 2025 statement related to this matter. We encourage board members to review the resources they provided related to Oregon’s Sanctuary laws, FERPA, board policies related to relationships with law enforcement, and students’ right to education. You can find the full statement here:

<https://www.osba.org/immigration-enforcement-developments/>.

As elected officials, school board members take an oath of office which includes our commitment to uphold the Constitution of the United States. The OSBMCC stands by the fourteenth Amendment, Section 1 of the Constitution that affirms citizenship through birthright, the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, and the 1982 [Plyer v. Doe case](#) that affirms all children have a constitutional right to equal access to public education regardless of their immigration status or the status of their parents. The caucus also stands with the established processes required to make amendments to the Constitution.

The OSBMCC leadership extends its support to all impacted by recent actions. We encourage you to know your rights and share resources with your communities to understand theirs.



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Oregon Resources:

- [Oregon DACA Coalition](#) (Aims to organize DACA recipients and allies across the state.)
- [Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste \(PCUN\)](#) (Farmworker's union and the largest Latino organization in Oregon.)
- [Andares](#) (Supporting Latinx communities in Oregon.)
- [Basic Rights Oregon](#) (Supporting LGBTQ2SIA+ Oregonians.)

National Resources:

- [United We Dream](#) (Organizes and advocates for the dignity and fair treatment of immigrant youth and families, regardless of immigration status.)
- [My Undocumented Life](#) (Up-to-date information & resources for undocumented immigrants.)
- [Fugees Family Immigration Resources](#) (Training, resources, and advocacy for refugees.)
- [Mental Health Crisis](#) (A conversation with someone who can provide support during hard times. Call or text 988.)
- [The Trevor Project](#) (Support, resources, and crisis line for LGBTQ+ Youth. Call 1-866-488-7386 or Text 'START' to 678-678).
- [Trans Lifeline](#) (Emotional support to trans people in crisis. Call 1-877-565-8860.)
- [Call Black Line](#) (Peer support, counseling, reporting of mistreatment, witnessing and affirming the lived experiences for folxs who are most impacted by systematic oppression with an LGBTQ+ Black Femme Lens. Call 1-800-604-5841.)