



September 5, 2017

Re: District Statement on Attorney General's Announcement to Rescind DACA

The Contra Costa Community College District (District) denounces today's Attorney General announcement of the Trump Administration's action to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and reaffirms its support of our "dreamer" students currently allowed to live, study, and work in the United States without fear of deportation.

"It is disappointing that the current federal administration is turning its back on students," says chancellor Fred Wood. "We remain committed to doing our part by providing the education and training all of our students need and want. In turn, we need national leadership to unite and keep the promises made to these students, not take divisive action like this that penalizes the children of undocumented immigrants."

Support for DACA students is also consistent with Governing Board resolution 1-S entitled "Reaffirming Support of Contra Costa Community College District Students and Employees in Defense of Diversity and Inclusion in the Contra Costa Community College District" approved at a special January 11, 2017, meeting, and revised at its January 25, 2017, meeting. In this resolution, the District stated that equity through diversity is one of the District's most defining values as it strives to provide every student – regardless of race, gender, economic status, birthplace, or style of learning – a launching pad to achieve their dreams.

In addition, the District recognizes its responsibility to advocate for educational opportunities for all students in the community college system, regardless of immigration status, at the federal, state, and local levels. The District took action to support California's AB 540 and will continue to aggressively advocate for legislation that clears a path for our students to focus on their education. We will work with our legislators and the State Chancellor's Office to ensure we do everything possible to support and protect our DACA students.

Respectfully,

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