Sioux City Community School District
Board of Education
RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PROTECT DACA Recipients

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2012, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it would not deport certain undocumented youth who came to the United States as children and granted them "deferred action"; and

WHEREAS, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 5,454 Iowans have applied for this Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program since its introduction; and

WHEREAS, studies show that DACA recipients are making significant, positive contributions to their communities and economies by increasing tax revenue for states and localities, starting their own businesses, earning higher wages, participating more fully in the workforce and pursuing educational opportunities that they previously could not access; and

WHEREAS, the Sioux City Community School District educates undocumented students who are scholars, athletes, and leaders; and

WHEREAS, President Trump has said during his campaign that he intends to rescind the DACA program but given no indication of when this might occur; and

WHEREAS, the BRIDGE Act, a bi-partisan bill that would grant provisional protected presence status, and imposes restrictions on the sharing of information in DACA with DHS agencies for the purposes of immigration enforcement has been introduced in the U.S. Senate; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sioux City Community School District Board of Education sees the promise and potential in all of its students and respectfully requests that Iowa's congressional delegation work to protect young Iowans by supporting the BRIDGE Act so that our students' promise is not limited by their immigration status.

ADOPTED by ACTION of the BOARD this 13th day of March, 2017.

Ayes:

[Signatures of directors]

Abstained: Director [Name]

Nays:

[Signature of director]

Board President
Superintendent

Date 03/13/2017
Date 3/13/17