

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BOLINAS-STINSON UNION
SCHOOL DISTRICT DECLARING THE DISTRICT A SANCTUARY DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 8 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District (BSUSD) is committed to fostering an inclusive and equitable educational environment where all students, staff, and families feel valued, safe, and supported; and

WHEREAS, the District affirms the inherent dignity and worth of every individual, regardless of their immigration status, national origin, ethnicity, race, religion, disability, gender identity, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, public schools have a legal and ethical obligation to provide all children access to education, as guaranteed by California state law and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Plyler v. Doe* (1982); and

WHEREAS, Bolinas-Stinson Union School District believes that immigration enforcement activities and discrimination in or near schools disrupt the learning environment, depress student attendance and family involvement, and undermine the trust and safety necessary for students to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the diversity of Bolinas-Stinson Union School District as one of its greatest strengths and seeks to protect all students and staff from discrimination, harassment, and intimidation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Bolinas-Stinson Union declares BSUSD a Sanctuary District, affirming its commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all students, staff, and families, regardless of immigration status; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District shall not collect or disclose information regarding the immigration status of students, staff, or families unless required by law, nor will it facilitate or cooperate with federal immigration enforcement activities in any way that is not mandated by federal or state law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District shall provide training for staff and administrators on the rights of immigrant students and families, as well as on best practices for maintaining safe and inclusive learning environments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will collaborate with community organizations and legal service providers to inform and empower immigrant families and provide resources to address their unique needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to take appropriate steps to implement this resolution and communicate its principles to the entire Bolinas-Stinson Union School District community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District at a regular meeting held on this 14th day of January 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Nicolette Niman President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Leo Kostelnik, Superintendent
Bolinas-Stinson Union School District