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## The San Mateo County Office of Education Stands by Students and Families after DACA Announcement

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. – President Trump’s recent decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) has generated great fear and confusion among many San Mateo County students and their families. In response, the San Mateo County Office of Education has reconfirmed its commitment to supporting these students, their families, and the schools and districts that serve them.

“DACA has provided many families in our county and state with hope: hope for an education and hope for a brighter future. Students in our schools have known that with dedication and hard work, they had the chance to receive an education and become the teachers, doctors, nurses, leaders, and responsible citizens that we encourage them to be every day in class,” commented Anne E. Campbell, San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools.

“As educators, we worry about the impact of the President’s decision on school attendance and performance. This is a tremendous psychological burden for families, and our students, teachers, and schools feel it,” she added.

In light of the President’s action, the San Mateo County Office of Education has restated its commitment to all students in the county regardless of their immigration status. Superintendent Campbell also made a plea for action at the national level, “We urge the United States Congress to adopt legislation that extends the DACA program and that provides students with a pathway to citizenship, thus enabling them to continue to participate fully in life in the United States, a country that prides itself on its immigrant heritage.”

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The San Mateo County Office of Education is committed to ensuring excellence and equity in education by inspiring students, investing in teachers, invigorating leaders, and involving communities.