

18.25 Rights and Services for Undocumented Children and Youth

Resolution passed 2009; amended 2019

Whereas, Washington State PTA’s vision is that every child’s potential becomes a reality; and

Whereas, the first version of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act has resulted in undocumented immigrants receiving protection under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); the pending American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 allows current, former and future undocumented high-school graduates and GED recipients a three-step pathway to U.S. citizenship through college, work or the armed services; and

Whereas, Washington State PTA believes that every child residing in the United States – regardless of their immigration status – has the right of access to a high-quality public education, adequate food and shelter, and basic health care services.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State PTA shall actively support legislation and policies that provide immigrants who have received protection under DACA and the DREAM Act the ability to reach their fullest potential; and be it further

Resolved, that Washington State PTA and its local PTAs and councils advocate for legislation and policies that:

- Prevent undocumented school-age children from being denied an education without extra fees or surcharges through coercion, illegal data collection, profiling, or interference via threats of deportation by:
 - Preventing schools and school districts from collecting the immigration status of students
 - Requiring schools to make it clear that students and families are not required to provide social security numbers to the school
- Designate the area 500 feet around schools as “sensitive locations” and continue to limit immigration and ICE officers from enforcement actions in K-12 schools, and expand the definition to include preschools, colleges and universities, and other institutions of learning, such as vocational and trade schools.