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To the LCPS Community

Dear LCPS Staff, Students and Community Citizens:

By now you have heard that President Trump has decided to end DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. This Obama-era program has allowed hundreds of thousands of young people throughout the country — the “dreamers” — to live among us without fear of deportation. This includes children and students within our community. On behalf of our students and their families, I urge Congress to act quickly in making this important program a federal law.

Young people contribute to Las Cruces and Doña Ana County in so many ways. They are becoming educated, they are workers, they are taxpayers and they are our neighbors. And, immigrant families should be treated the same way we treat our own families, with respect and compassion.

It is important for families to know that immigrants enrolled in the DACA program can seek renewal for permits that expire by March 5, 2018; but the renewal must be done by October 5, 2017. There is additional information on this website: www.weareheretostay.org. In the meantime, all students in our district will continue to be welcomed, educated and protected, as the school district remains a “sensitive location.” The school system does not question students or their parents as to their immigration status. We are here to teach all children, regardless of where they were born or how they came to live in Las Cruces.

I know the Las Cruces Board of Education stands with me as I urge our Congressmen and Senators to fight on behalf of our children. Put party lines aside and put families in your direct line of sight. Give our dreamers a future.

With Appreciation,

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