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Resolution #19-13 RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN TRUST AND SAFETY FOR LOCAL IMMIGRANTS

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent

of Schools are committed to the success of all students and believe that every school site should be a safe and welcoming place for all students and their families, and that all students and their families have access to the services in our schools irrespective of their citizenship or immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools have long embraced and welcomed individuals of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and national backgrounds, including a large immigrant population; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has confirmed that ICE is planning deportation raids against immigrant families scheduled to begin as early as July 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, targeting people who have lived in our country for years and breaking apart families creates fear and mistrust and does not make our communities or our schools safer; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that teachers, school administrators, and other school staff shall receive training regarding immigration issues, including information on responding to a request from an immigration officer to visit a school site or to have access to a student;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall report to the County Board of Education, in a timely manner, any requests for information or access to a school site by an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcing the immigration laws. Such notification shall be provided in a manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially

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identifying information;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools declare that ICE raids in private homes, churches, schools, and service agencies may violate constitutional protections.

DATED:

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