

1 **Ohio Federation of Teachers Human Rights Committee**
2 **2018 Convention Resolutions**
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4	Darrell Lausche - CHAIR	Cleveland Heights Teachers Union, Local 795
5	Mona Al-Hayani	Toledo Federation of Teachers Retired - Local 250-R
6	David Beaverson	Owens Support Staff Union, Local 6325
7	Kimmer Cave	Berea Federation of Teachers, Local 1699
8	Angela Couch	Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520
9	Shirley Easley	Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520
10	Dorothy Fair	Cleveland Teachers Union, Local 279
11	DeAnnFontanella	Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520
12	Alexa Fulmer	Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520
13	Chandra Gardner	Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Local 1520
14	Miranda Good	Oregon City Federation of Teachers, Local 1080
15	Stephanie Henderson	Cleveland Teachers Union, Local 279
16	Tomisha Henry	Owens Support Staff Union, Local 6325
17	Hazel Hicks	Cleveland Teachers Union Retired, Local 279-R
18	Morgan Hicks	Van Wert Federation of Teachers, Local 4088
19	Brooke Schlather	Berea Federation of Teachers, Local 1699
20	Jenny Shiplett	New Lexington Education Association, Local 4186
21	Shannon Washburn	Oregon City Federation of Teachers, Local 1080

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23 **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT STUDENTS**
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25 WHEREAS, the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) is committed to creating safe, inviting places
26 of learning and teaching, where all students and their families feel welcomed and protected;
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29 WHEREAS, in 1982, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Plyler v. Doe that every child has a
30 constitutional right to a free public education, regardless of his or her immigration status or
31 parents' immigration status, citing the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment; and
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33 WHEREAS, federal law requires public schools to protect students from discrimination and
34 harassment based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, and disability; and
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36 WHEREAS, ensuring that Ohio's public schools are safe and inviting for all students and their
37 families is a commitment and reaffirmation to the educational success of all students; and
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39 WHEREAS, immigration raids and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities around
40 schools, colleges and universities, early education centers, bus stops, and adult school facilities
41 disrupt the learning environment and educational settings for students; and
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43 WHEREAS, recent raids and deportations separating families have caused heightened fear and
44 anxiety amongst for many students and their families; and
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46 WHEREAS, involving college and university campus police departments in enforcing federal

47 immigration law will erode the cooperation and trust between local law enforcement and
48 students; and

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50 WHEREAS, no written state or federal law mandates that local districts assist ICE in the
51 enforcement of immigration laws; and

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53 WHEREAS, some states, cities, counties, higher education institutions, and school districts have
54 adopted policies that restrict engagement with ICE and resist any government action that may
55 lead to the discovery of a person's immigration status; therefore

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57 BE IT RESOLVED, the OFT will urge Ohio's House, Senate, and State Board of Education to hereby
58 declare that every school in Ohio will serve as a safe haven and welcoming place of learning and
59 teaching, free from harassment, discrimination, and the threat of deportation; and

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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OFT will advocate for legislation that reflects that every school
62 and community center in Ohio will serve as a resource and information site for students and
63 their families; and

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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that absent any applicable federal law or court decision, and in
66 absence of proof of criminal proceedings as determined by a law enforcement agency, the OFT
67 encourages the House and Senate legislation actions to include that all districts abide by the
68 following conduct:

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a) District personnel shall treat all students with equity in the receipt of all school services,
70 including but not limited to meal programs, transportation, and educational instruction;

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b) District personnel shall not inquire about a student's immigration status, including that
72 of family members;

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c) If parents or students have questions about their immigration status, school personnel
73 shall not refer them to any office or representative of ICE;

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d) District and school employees shall adhere to the privacy rights guaranteed under the
75 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which prohibits schools from sharing
76 student information without parental consent;

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e) Any request by ICE for data, student files, or permission to visit a school site shall be
78 forwarded to the superintendent and general counsel for review; and

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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OFT encourages the Ohio Department of Education to increase
82 and enhance partnerships with community-based organizations and legal service organizations
83 that provide resources for families facing deportation, and to establish a rapid response network
84 to assist children whose family members have been detained; and

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86 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the OFT will support the efforts of Ohio's public schools in offering
87 counseling services for students who have witnessed or had a family member detained in an ICE
88 raid, presentations to students and their family members on their rights, and services to ensure
89 students are aware of opportunities to gain access to college, in-state tuition, financial aid,
90 scholarships, internships, and career opportunities regardless of their immigration status.

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