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**CITY OF BOSTON
FOR CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM SANCTUARY
SCHOOLS IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Boston has a proud constituency of immigrants who hail from all parts of the world;

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Schools (BPS) are home to children from 139 countries and nearly one in two students speak a language other than English at home;

WHEREAS, In light of the recent presidential executive orders, there are increased safety concerns and fear of deportation amongst immigrants in Boston;

WHEREAS, If BPS sites do not have sanctuary status, families may fear bringing their children to school at all;

WHEREAS, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) must not be allowed to enter any BPS sites except with explicit permission from the Superintendent and the District Attorney;

WHEREAS, BPS should not ask for or require proof of legal immigration status upon enrollment, or at other times where student or family data is collected;

WHEREAS, BPS should refuse all voluntary information sharing with ICE across all aspects of BPS to the fullest extent possible under the law;

WHEREAS, BPS teachers, administrators, and staff should understand existing City and BPS immigration policy and notify in multiple languages BPS families to fully inform them of their rights in the District.

WHEREAS, We have a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable and uphold one of their most basic rights to education, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Boston City Council affirms that students, parents, and staff in Boston Public Schools have the right to safe education, without the worry of detention by immigration officials.