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Dear Ypsilanti Community Schools Families,

We want to share some important news regarding federal policies that may affect our community. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced the end of a long-standing policy restricting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) actions in schools, previously designated as “sensitive locations.” While the specifics of the new policy are still pending, the announcement encourages ICE agents to use “common sense” in their enforcement actions. Regardless of this policy change, Ypsilanti Community Schools will maintain its current policies and procedures to actively protect our scholars, staff, and their families.

At Ypsilanti Community Schools:

- We do not ask families about their immigration status.
- We will not voluntarily coordinate with ICE.
- We do not share student records with ICE, except in rare cases involving a valid court order, including subpoenas and search warrants.
- ICE agents will not be allowed access to YCS facilities without a valid court order or search warrants.

As YCS continues to receive more information about federal policy changes, YCS will continue to review our protocols, and we will continue to provide the appropriate school-based staff guidance on how best to protect our scholars, staff, families, and school communities.

### **Update Emergency Contact Information**

We strongly encourage families to update their emergency contact information with their school. This is especially important in case ICE detains a parent or guardian. Please contact your school secretary to ensure your scholar’s emergency contact information is current.

### **Protecting Your Mental Health**

We understand that many in our community may feel anxious or fearful due to recent changes in federal policies. Please remember that every YCS school has mental health resources available for our scholars. Don’t hesitate to reach out to your school’s administration or counselor to ensure your child receives the support they need.

Thank you for your attention to this important message. We will continue to keep you informed as the situation evolves.

**Resources:**

- [https://www.canva.com/design/DAGdQzWCwM0/63PAQtebHuPOIINdXGIRnQ/edit?utm\\_content=DAGdQzWCwM0&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link2&utm\\_source=sharebutton](https://www.canva.com/design/DAGdQzWCwM0/63PAQtebHuPOIINdXGIRnQ/edit?utm_content=DAGdQzWCwM0&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton)
- [Red Cards Preparing Your Family Packets in Various Languages](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alena Zackery-Ross". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Dr. Alena Zackery-Ross  
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