

Offered by Councillor Jackson



**CITY OF BOSTON
FOR CITY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE
SANCTUARY SCHOOL ACT**

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 ordained by the Boston City Council, as follows:

Section 1.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) ICE will not be allowed to enter any BPS site, or interact with BPS students or families during transportation to and from school or on field trips, except with a signed warrant from a judge, and explicit written permission from BPS Superintendent Chang and the District Attorney.

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

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

Section 4.

BPS teachers, administrators and staff will be required to participate in training on existing City and BPS policy, including the specific protocol outlined in sections 1, 2, and 3. BPS will notify all families in writing in multiple languages to inform them of their rights before the beginning of each school year, starting in September 2017.