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Good evening CHCCS families and staff. With all the recent conversation surrounding immigration, particularly when it comes to schools and students, I wanted to send out a few quick facts that I hope will prove helpful. Please scroll through the points listed below to learn more about this topic as it pertains to schools.

***Sincerely,
Jim Causby, Interim Superintendent***

QUICK FACTS ON IMMIGRATION ISSUES

- All children, regardless of citizenship status of them or their parents, have a Constitutional right to a public education.
- CHCCS is committed to providing all children with a sound basic education without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin.
- CHCCS does not request or maintain evidence of citizenship status when enrolling children. CHCCS does request information to determine domicile or residency in the CHCCS district, however this information is not shared with anyone outside the school system.
- CHCCS does not share any student records with law enforcement unless required to do so by federal law. CHCCS treats all students the same when it comes to disclosure of records.
- Since 2011, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement has designated schools as "sensitive places" where enforcement actions should be avoided. We have had no Immigrations and Customs Enforcement actions on any of our school campuses.
- School children do have an expectation of privacy at school. CHCCS employees do not have the right to give legal permission for any law enforcement officer to interview or take custody of a student and CHCCS does not assist federal Immigration and Customs officials in enforcing federal immigration laws and policies.
- If any state or federal law enforcement officer attempts to serve a warrant and/or arrest anyone on school campus, the matter is referred to the school principal or their designee to ensure that appropriate legal standards are applied.
- Concerned parents should ensure that their emergency contact information on file is up-to-date in case the school needs to make contact with the parent or their designated back-up. This information will not be shared with anyone outside the school system.