



Standing with DACA Participants

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Dear Colleagues,

A decision by a federal appeals court in Texas yesterday has put the future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in peril. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals claimed that the DACA program violates federal law, and ordered a lower court to review the program, which prevents the hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought into the United States as children from being deported.

While we disagree strongly with the decision, we want to emphasize that this will have no immediate impact on the hard-working students protected by the DACA program at the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges, both Hispanic-Serving Institutions, remain steadfast in serving and supporting all students, regardless of immigration status, and seeing that students reach their full potential. We will continue to remain open, safe, and welcoming to ALL students, regardless of immigration status. The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District is committed to not releasing any personally identifiable student information related to immigration status without a judicial warrant, subpoena, or court order, unless authorized by the student or required by law.

We plan to urge our elected representatives in the U.S. Congress to work with leaders on both sides of the aisle to pass long-needed immigration reform.

Finally, we want to emphasize that DACA has not been terminated. We are confident that this decision will not prevail and that more reasonable minds will triumph. Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District will continue to stand with DACA participants, fight alongside our students to keep the program alive, provide students with educational opportunities, and protect and support all current and future students who rely on the program.

In solidarity,

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