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Statement re: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

In light of recent news, the leadership of the Fall River Educators Association and the Fall River Public Schools want to reiterate our shared commitment to protecting and uplifting our diverse students and families. In this city of immigrants, we remain steadfast in our efforts to ensure that we welcome all children who walk through our doors—regardless of their race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, economic standing, or immigration status.

We will work together for the continued protection of all DREAMers, young people who have come to this country often through no choice of their own. These are hard-working students in our classrooms. These are former students now contributing to our economy and serving in the military. These are young people who enrich our community. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) reflects our values as a country by offering 800,000 of these young people the opportunity to work toward achieving their American dreams, including graduating from high school and going to college.

The Fall River Public Schools recognizes that our rich diversity is our greatest strength. The cornerstone of our democracy is a free public education. We welcome our newly arrived immigrant children and will continue to serve every child with the utmost respect, professional skill, and love.

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