



BELLEVUE
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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ADDITION

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO PROTECT DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

INFORMATION

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ACTION

Description

In light of recent announcements from the federal government, the Bellevue College Board of Trustees would like to reaffirm its commitment to all students attending Bellevue College. Furthermore, they would like to advocate for legislative action for the continuation of deferred action for childhood arrivals [DACA].

Recommendation/Outcomes:

That the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII hereby adopts Resolution No. 314 supporting Congressional Legislative Action to Protect DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS..

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**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT VIII
Bellevue Community College
Bellevue, Washington**

RESOLUTION NO. 314

**Resolution Supporting Congressional Legislative Action to Protect
DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS.**

WHEREAS, BELLEVUE COLLEGE adopted Resolution No. 312 in January 2017 supporting the continuation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and reaffirming its commitment to protecting the safety, security, and well-being of every student and member of the college community; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 312 states the College's support for all its students, including undocumented students and affirms the values of diversity and inclusiveness, as well as the right of all students to be free from unlawful interference with the attainment of their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, DACA students contribute to the College, the community and the country and have kept their commitments to the requirements set for DACA students; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has announced its decision to phase out DACA and terminate the program and its protections in six months:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Bellevue College, Community College District VIII hereby will urgently and forcefully advocate to all of our elected federal officials that Congress acts to protect students and other childhood arrivals from deportation and provide these individuals with long-term opportunities to live, study, and work in the United States. Immediate action by Congress is needed, and such action is morally and economically required.

PASSED, THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. Lisa Chin, Chair

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ATTEST:

Julie Werner
Acting Secretary, Board of Trustees
Community College District VIII

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT VIII
Bellevue College
Bellevue, Washington**

RESOLUTION NO. 312

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS

WHEREAS, Bellevue College reaffirms its commitment to protecting the safety, security, and well-being of every student and each staff member. We welcome and affirm the values of diversity and inclusiveness, as well as the right of all students to be free from unlawful interference with the attainment of their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, Bellevue College is committed to lawfully supporting all students, including undocumented students. We do not make admissions decisions about students based on their immigration status, and we do not request immigration documentation except as needed to determine the eligibility for resident tuition rates; and

WHEREAS, Bellevue College will continue to comply fully with federal privacy laws that provide legal protections for our students' education records, including any information regarding their immigration status. Bellevue College campus safety personnel do not question, detain, or arrest individuals solely because they may lack documentation of legal status; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Bellevue College, Community College District VIII hereby have and will continue to urgently and forcefully advocate to all of our elected and appointed federal officials for the continuation of deferred action for childhood arrivals [DACA] and adoption of federal legislation which provides long term security and opportunity for these students. We believe everybody should have the opportunity to learn, expand their horizons and contribute to our communities.

Done in Open Meeting by the Board, THIS 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: _____
Lisa Chin, Chair