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Dear Los Rios Community,

Like many of you, we have been closely following the news from Washington, DC about the status of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which provides hundreds of students in our district with access to a college education and provides them with a vehicle to pursue a better life for themselves and their families.

We have previously shared how proud we are of our Board of Trustees' leadership on this issue, as they have reaffirmed our organizational values in this area with a [Board resolution](#) in January.

While there has not yet been any change to federal policy on this issue, many believe that a change is imminent. Although there are still many unknowns, the recent escalation of news from the federal government suggests that now is the time to prepare for the potential impacts of any action. Just like our efforts on emergency response preparedness, we may not know how and when a crisis will present itself for our students, but we have a responsibility to be ready for all potential scenarios. To that end, we will be immediately convening a Rapid Response Team of appropriate leaders from around Los Rios to coordinate our district and colleges' response to any changes to DACA and all the potential impacts on students, both in the short and long term. We look forward to sharing more about these efforts in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, it's imperative that we all remain vigilant on this issue and that we understand what resources are available to support students in this uncertain time. Information on DACA, along with Immigration Resources, is available on a dedicated page on the [Los Rios website](#), and we will continue to update it as new information becomes available.

By working together, we can and will continue to ensure that our colleges are safe places for ALL students to pursue their dreams.

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