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An Open Letter to Members of Congress

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students, families and educators we serve and support, we urge your immediate legislative action to preserve the DACA program and to protect Dreamers.

One quarter of the nation's DACA recipients live, learn and work in California. We embrace diversity as a strength in all of our schools. DACA students represent some of the finest young individuals on whom our country's future depends.

As leaders of our state's largest school districts, we take seriously our responsibility to deliver a sound educational program to all students, regardless of their situation in life. Ensuring safe and healthy schools environments, where learning is constant, is among our highest priorities.

Research shows that stress greatly influences a student's ability to succeed academically. We are doing our best to prevent unwarranted intrusions and distractions that interfere with the high-quality teaching and learning that happens every day in our schools. We also are doing everything in our power to assure students, families and educators that they can seek help, assistance and information from our schools without fear or anxiety about immigration enforcement efforts.

Inaction by Congress on DACA undermines our educational program because students, their families and educators must live with anxiety and fear. It is unconscionable to let vulnerable people live, work and attempt to learn with such uncertainty. We urge Congress to preserve DACA immediately or to enact a replacement that would provide similar protections and a path toward a permanent residential status.

Sincerely,

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