



Uncharted Shores Academy

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Dear Uncharted Shores Academy and Greater Del Norte Community,

I am writing to inform you of a mistake that our school made today and to convey our apologies for any confusion or concern it may have caused for our students, their families and our greater Del Norte community.

For the last several weeks, our school administrative team has been engaged in a comprehensive review of our school policies and procedures, including how we respond to requests from federal law enforcement officials and our response to their presence on campus. To be clear, USA has **never** had any such request or presence from federal immigration officials, but it is nonetheless our responsibility to ensure that we are prepared for this possibility and that we are compliant with the law.

There are two specific laws in California that guide a school's response to federal immigration law enforcement requests and activity- California Assembly Bill 49- The Safe Haven Schools Act, and Senate Bill 98- The Sending Alerts to Families in Education, or SAFE Act. AB 49 requires schools to have policies and procedures on how they address requests from immigration officials and SB 98 requires schools to immediately notify their campus communities regarding confirmed immigration enforcement activities. You can find the full text of these laws here:

- AB 49: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB49
- SB 98: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB98

Today, as our staff was working on updating our emergency notifications to include a revised message to families alerting them to potential ICE activity (as is required by SB 98), our school staff accidentally sent the message home to families instead of saving it for future use, should it become necessary.

- At 1:22 PM today, this incorrect message regarding ICE was sent out to USA Families through our emergency communication system. That incorrect message stated "ICE activity has been confirmed at the Main campus".
- At 1:31 PM today, once USA staff realized that the incorrect message was sent out, they sent a brief follow-up message stating that the previous message was an error that should be disregarded.
- At 1:57 PM, USA staff sent out a final message about this incident that provided more information about the mistake and an apology to families.

To reiterate, this message was sent accidentally and there was **no** ICE activity at any USA school campus, nor was there any reported activity at any other school in Del Norte County. We understand that communities nationwide are contending with this issue and we know how much concern a message like this can cause. I sincerely apologize for any confusion or concern this error caused the USA and greater Del Norte community and we will do everything possible to ensure it does not occur again.

Sincerely,

Dan Cartwright, Principal/Executive Director

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