



## RESOLUTION

### **IN SUPPORT OF THE HMONG COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin has a rich history of opening its doors to peoples of all backgrounds and experiences; and

WHEREAS the state of Wisconsin is the proud home of nearly 50,000 Hmong people which is one-fifth of Hmong people living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, most of the Hmong people living in Wisconsin came here as refugees seeking asylum after fighting alongside our soldiers during the Vietnam war; and

WHEREAS, many Hmong people are part of our community here in Eau Claire as our neighbors, family members, friends, co-workers, business owners, students, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Eau Claire Area School District Board of Education, administrators, educators, and staff proudly stand by all our students, staff and families, and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the values of our diverse community and are inclusive of all our students, staff, families and community members of all races, ethnicities, faiths, national origins, immigration statuses, political viewpoints, abilities, sexual orientation, and gender identities, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court in *Plyer v. Doe* (1982) held that the Constitution guarantees all children, regardless of immigration status, equal access to public education; and

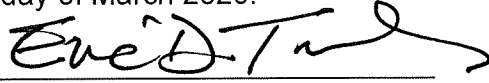
WHEREAS, a recent proposal by the current Presidential administration seeks to deport certain longtime Hmong residents of the United States, which could impact up to 4,500 Hmong people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, these proposals have sowed fear into the Hmong communities across Wisconsin, including our own in Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, numerous community leaders, and local and national elected officials have called on the administration to reconsider this proposal and have expressed their opposition to any agreement that results in the deportation of Hmong people living in Wisconsin and the United States;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire Area School District Board of Education reiterates its steadfast support of all the members of the Hmong community living here in the United States, State of Wisconsin and especially our students, staff and families in our District and furthermore we strongly urge the reconsideration of any proposal that would result in the deportation of any members of our Hmong community.

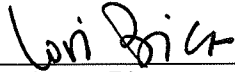
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the members of the Board of Education of the Eau Claire Area School District, have executed this resolution this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2020.



Dr. Eric Torres  
President



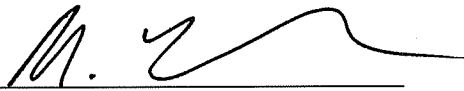
Dr. Mary Ann Hardebeck  
Superintendent



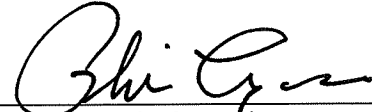
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