

I am a teacher at Lewiston High School, and I am writing on behalf of my students and community.

Today after school an immigrant student of mine shared that she was waiting for a ride and not walking home as she usually does- she can't walk home because there is a chance she could be taken. She is not sure if she should continue attending school. The fear the federal administration is pushing on our youth is intentional and it is abhorrent. Our students should be able to come to school without fear of Federal Agents coming to school and taking them.

Attendance has dropped significantly in my classes since ICE has increased their presence in the Lewiston community. Students are afraid, and with good reason. One of the Trump administration's first actions in office was to eliminate a federal policy that prohibited ICE enforcement actions at places like schools and hospitals. Students know that these Federal Agents could come to their school and they are terrified.

The 14th Amendment protects public education rights through its Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses.

Do the right thing. Support LD 2106.

Thank you for your time.

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