



Subject: Important Information for Your Family's Safety and Well-being

Dear MPS Family,

As part of our commitment to supporting our community, we want to ensure that every family is prepared for any unexpected situations. Here are some important steps and resources to help you create a safety plan for your family:

- **Know Your Rights:** It's important to understand your rights and how to exercise them. The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota offers free legal advice and resources. You can contact them at 651-641-1011 or [visit their website](#).
- **Emergency Contacts:** Make a list of important phone numbers, including family members, friends, and local organizations that can provide assistance. Keep this list in an easily accessible place. Update your school with these contacts.
- **Family Plan:** Discuss and create a plan with your family. Decide on a safe place to meet and how to communicate if you are separated.
- **Important Documents:** Keep copies of important documents (e.g., passports, birth certificates, medical records) in a safe and accessible place. Consider storing digital copies securely online.
- **[Delegation of Parental Authority \(DOPA\)](#):**
- A DOPA is a document that allows you to designate someone to take care of your children if you are unable to do so. This person, called an "Attorney-in-Fact," can make decisions about your child's care, custody, and property. The DOPA is effective as soon as it is signed and notarized and lasts for up to one year.

Local Resources:

- **Minnesota Welcome Center:** Provides information and services to help immigrants. Located at 3921 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis, MN. Phone: (218) 673-1836.
- **City of Minneapolis Immigrant & Refugee Affairs:** Connects you with resources for shelter, food, legal help, and more. Phone: 612-394-6018. [More information](#) can be found on their website.
- **Stay Informed:** Follow local news and updates from trusted sources to stay informed about any changes or important information that may affect your family.

We are here to support you.

