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HAPPY BIRTHDAY *PLYLER* and DACA!

June 15th is the 40th anniversary of the landmark *Plyler v. Doe* Supreme Court decision asserting the Constitutional right of all children in the United States to receive a K-12 education, regardless of their immigration status. Check out the opportunities below to take action and show your support for this important decision and the rights of all our children!

June 15th is ALSO the 10th anniversary of DACA¹, the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that allowed certain people who came to the United States as children, if eligible, to receive temporary protection from deportation and obtain a work permit. DACA has improved the lives of almost a [million](#) people living in the United States since 2012.

Check out the opportunities below to take action and show your support for this important decision and program and the rights of all our children!

Learn more about *Plyler* here:

- [Public Education for Immigrant Students: Understanding *Plyler v. Doe*](#)
- [AFT's Standing United: Protecting the rights of immigrant students and their families](#)
- [Southern Poverty Law Center's *Plyler* Resources for Educators, Families, and Advocates](#)
- MALDEF's *Plyler v. Doe* [Blog/Timeline of the Case](#) and [Documentary](#)
- [Video Interview: *Plyler v. Doe* at 40 – Schooling Guaranteed for Immigrant Children](#) – produced for the 40th anniversary of *Plyler v. Doe* featuring Dr. Albert Cortez, who testified in one of the cases in Texas. Dr. Cortez was IDRA's director of policy until his retirement. He sits down with IDRA chief legal analyst, Paige Duggins-Clay, J.D., to discuss the history of the case, the plaintiffs, the arguments and the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling. (link will be live June 15)

¹ Although DACA has been an incredibly important tool to keep families and communities together, it has never been sufficiently inclusive and accessible, and it has too often been under threat. [Immigrant youth and advocates](#) have called for improvements to DACA's financial and logistical accessibility with automated renewals and fee waivers, reductions in processing delays, strengthening DACA via codification, and a true pathway to citizenship via legislation. ANDREA - DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE DURABILITY OF PLYLER HERE AS A CONTRAST?

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- [Plyler v. Doe Supports High-Quality Schools – U.S. Supreme Court Ruling 40 Years Ago Today Confirms Immigrant Students' Rights to Attend Public Schools](#), IDRA eNews Alert (link will be live June 15)
- [Welcoming Immigrant Students in School](#) infographic (English/Spanish)
- IDRA "Education of Immigrant Children" web page with tools for schools and advocates
- [AFT Open Letter to Educators regarding the importance of Plyler](#)

Share digital content here:

- NILC will be sharing an educational infographic on Plyler on social media on 6/15. Our digital team can share the link when that is posted.
- MALDEF's *Plyler v. Doe* [Anniversary Toolkit](#)
- MALDEF's Short *Plyler* [Documentary](#)
- Home Is Here Campaign DACA Anniversary [Partner Memo](#)
- Home Is Here and United We Dream [DACA Messaging Guide](#)
- The Leadership Conference's [sample social media messages](#)
- FWD.us [DACA Decade: From students to careers and families Report](#)

Join these events:

- Children Thrive Action Network [#PlylerDACA Anniversary Tweetchat](#) 6/15 at 1-2PM ET.
- United We Dream DACA Anniversary [Action Map](#)
- Home Is Here DACA [Lobbying Tracker](#) - if your organization is doing lobbying visits, please add them to the tracker.
- NYC [DACA rally](#) on June 15 at 10:00 AM at Castle Clinton in Battery Park in Manhattan

Take these actions:

- [Call on Congress to Act on legislation with a pathway to citizenship](#) (AFT)

NOTE: Are there any sample school board resolutions? I think I remember seeing something like that at one point.

- [Immigration Resources from the American Federation of Teachers](#) (AFT)
- [Safe Zone Sample Resolution K-12](#) (AFT)
- [Sample memorandum of understanding to safe guard protections for DACA employees through collective bargaining agreements](#) (AFT)
- [Safe Zone School Districts](#) (NEA)