

2026 IMMIGRANT JUSTICE PACKAGE



Safeguarding Students & Families Support HB 4079

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Schools are hubs of learning, engagement and safety for young people and their parents. Any time there is an incident involving law enforcement or unknown persons with access to weapons in or around school locations a heightened sense of awareness, preparation and communication is necessary to keep communities, particularly children safe.

Federal guidance designating schools as “sensitive areas” where enforcement actions should be limited was rescinded in 2025 created uncertainty regarding on-campus ICE actions. Federal enforcement actions have increased in the areas around schools including parking lots, playgrounds and the surrounding neighborhood.

In recent months schools have been forced to go into lockdown procedures, sometimes several schools in a single day. This requires proactive and reactive communication procedures to keep everyone safe. While the state has begun creating guidance tools for schools, consistent application and consistent communication is needed so that all students, parents and staff regardless of which school they attend, are able to be safe and informed when something happens in their community.



HB 4079 will :

- Provide transparency and nurture trust for families and students who are impacted by federal enforcement actions in their community by providing timely communication and updates
- Ensure safety and orderly operations during sensitive incidents through written policies and procedures that staff, students and families can rely on
- Provide clarity for administrators, school staff, students and families on rights and duties



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When immigrant communities are targeted, families struggle, our economy suffers, and critical systems are pushed to a breaking point. No family should have to plan for parents being torn from their children.

These reckless federal attacks demand a strong, unified response. Oregonians know we are stronger together.

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