



# Bear Valley International

A School By the Community, For the Community

May 17, 2021

Denver Bear Valley International School Parents and Community,

I am writing this note to share that, later this month, we will be installing a temporary piece of artwork that focuses on the rights of immigrants. The mural is part of the "Leave No One Behind Mural Project". This effort seeks to protect childhood arrivals, repatriate deported veterans, end family separation and reunite families. A deported artist created each mural. Similar works of art are being installed throughout the United States.

Please know that this mural aligns with my values as the leader of our school and with those of the school district. As you may be aware, DPS was the first school district in the nation to hire teachers under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), created by former President Obama in 2012 to provide legal protection for hundreds of thousands of undocumented young immigrants brought into the country as children. Many of these childhood immigrants, known as "dreamers," have attended DPS schools their entire lives or are DPS graduates who have built their lives in our community.

I am confident that this work of art will not only be supportive of many of our families, but will also help inform many others. Once our facilities team installs it, I and other members of my team will spend time having discussions about the mural with our students. I welcome you all to view the new mural and to have similar conversations with your children.

Please, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or and concerns.

Sincerely,

Hiliana León  
Principal