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LINDSAY UNIFIED
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Dear Parents:

Recent changes were made on September 5, 2017 regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). To better help you understand what this means, Lindsay Unified School District would like to share the following information:

1. Your DACA is valid until its expiration date. DACA and work permits (Employment Authorization Documents) will remain valid until its expiration date. To determine when your DACA and work permit expires, look at your I-795 Approval Notice and the bottom of your Employment Authorization Document (EAD).
2. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) no longer will accept or process first-time applications after September 5, 2017.
3. DACA issuances and work permits expiring between now and March 5, 2018 must be submitted for renewal by October 5, 2017.
4. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will no longer grant DACA recipients permission to travel abroad through Advance Parole. Any pending applications for advance parole will not be processed and DHS will refund any associated fees.
5. DACA and Dream Act are two entirely different things, and one doesn't impact the other. Learners who are considered "Dreamers" should continue to pursue their dreams of a college education and continue applying for financial aid. Community colleges and institutions of higher education will continue to enroll Dreamers. Dreamers may also continue to be eligible for many forms of financial aid.
6. An informational workshop will be held at College of the Sequoias on September 23, 2017 (see enclosure)

We strongly encourage you to contact your local congressional representatives to express your concern and encourage immigration reform at the federal level. Contact information:

Congressman Devin Nunes	Visalia Office Phone: 559-733-3861 or FAX: 559-733-3865
Congressman David Valadeo	Hanford Office Phone: 559-582-5526

If you have questions, please contact Lindsay Healthy Start Family Resource Center or your child's learning community.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Rooney
Superintendent