

PROVISO TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS
District 209 – Cook County



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Dear Proviso Families,

At Proviso Township High Schools District 209 (PTHS D209) students returned to our schools filled with energy, enthusiasm and expectations of a safe and secure environment for learning. As we work to empower all students to become leaders in our community, we recognize that the recent announcement to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is a cause for concern for many in our community. I believe that children's capacity to learn is directly correlated by having stable families, live peacefully and productivity within their communities. In consideration of this decision, I want to state empathetically, that PTHS D209 continues to hold its status as a welcoming and safe district for ALL students.

As an education leader committed to the advancement of all students, I am fundamentally opposed to this action as students now must confront the brutal facts of long-term uncertainty by relying on a divisive Congress to dictate their future over an undefined period of time. Our District will stand up for young people as aligned to our quest for equity, empowerment, and excellence. I understand your concerns and stand firm in advising and protecting a public school system that will strengthen America by protecting the best interest for a significant portion of our student population. Therefore, please know that our schools welcome all students and families regardless of their citizenship, immigration status, or background. I want to assure you that PTHS D209's faculty and staff is committed to the physical safety and emotion well-being of all students.

As DACA phases out the program over the next six months to provide Congress with the opportunity to create legislation that could restore the program, students may have questions regarding how this impacts them and their applications.

According to a reliable source, Here to Stay (<http://weareheretostay.org/resources/daca-update-five-things-you-should-know/>) there are four things for you to know about the announcement:

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. **NO NEW DACA APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
 - ✓ US 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.**
 - ✓ If you have a permit that will expire between now and March 5, 2018, you must apply for a two-year renewal of your DACA by October 5, 2017.
4. **ADVANCE PAROLE TO TRAVEL ABROAD IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.**
 - ✓ 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.

Please know that PTHS D209 is committed to being a welcoming and safe place for all students, and that the Board of Education has reaffirmed that commitment through the following resolution. You will find the resolution at: http://www.pths209.org/assets/1/7/Safe_School_English.pdf. I thank you for entrusting us with the opportunity to teach and care for young people in our school district. We take such responsibility with honor and know that together we will produce productive members of a global society.

Sincerely,

Jesse J. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND:

SUPER BPAC

BILINGUAL PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 27th
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: D209 District Office - 8601 W. Roosevelt

WHO: Everyone is welcomed.

WHAT: D87, D89, and D209 working together to ensure academic success for all students.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

*Three Districts, One Goal: Our children's future Education

*Testing Updates Adult



*Middle to High School Articulation

*Adult Education

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IMMIGRATION SESSION PROVIDED BY PASO
(WEST SUBURBAN ACTION PROJECT)

*Food and beverages provided.

For any questions contact: Dr. Jeremy Burnham at jburnham@pths209.org or 708-202-1647



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LOS INVITAMOS A ASISTIR:

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COMITÉ CONSULTIVO BILINGUE DE LOS PADRES

Septiembre 27th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dónde: D209 Oficina del Distrito - 8601 W. Roosevelt Road

Quien: Todos son bienvenidos.

Que: D87, D89, y D209 trabajando juntos para asegurar el éxito académico de todos los estudiantes.

TEMAS DE DISCUSIÓN:

*Tres Distritos Una Meta: Futuro de Nuestros Hijos

*Actualización de las Pruebas



*Articulación de escuelas intermedias y secundarias

*Educación de Adultos

CONOZCA SU SESIÓN DE INMIGRACIÓN DE DERECHOS PROPORCIONADA
POR PASO (PROYECTO DE ACCIÓN SUBURBANA OCCIDENTAL)

*Habra comida y bebidas

Para cualquier pregunta contacte al Dr. Jeremy Burnham at jburnham@pths209.org or Para cualquier

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