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Dear KIPP San Diego Community,

I am saddened and outraged by President Trump's announcement that he is planning to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in six months.

DACA is a program that protects young people who came to the United States as children from deportation and creates a legal pathway for nearly 800,000 "Dreamers" to attend college, work or serve in the military. The elimination of DACA protections is a heartless act that compromises the future of young people who represent the best of our country.

We are still learning the details of the DACA announcement, but here is what we know so far:

- If you currently have DACA protections, you remain covered by the program until March 5, 2018;
- If your DACA permit expires between now and March 5th, you can still apply for a two year extension, but you must do so before October 5th, 2017;
- If you do not currently have DACA protections, you can **no longer** apply for a permit, although applications that have already been submitted may still be granted;
- Unless Congress passes legislation to make DACA protections permanent, the program and its protections will end on March 5th, 2018.

While DACA's future is uncertain, **our commitment – to all KIPPsters and families – is stronger than ever.**

KIPP San Diego is proud to stand with the region's immigrant families. We want to remind the KIPP San Diego community that our schools remain safe places where students can learn and succeed, regardless of their immigration status. And we are committed to doing everything in our power to help ensure rights of our students, families and staff are protected and the values of our community are respected.

We are currently working on ways we can help alleviate the harmful impacts on our community should DACA come to an end. We are making sure KIPP students and alumni have the support they need to make college a reality through our KIPP Through College program. Our college counseling, preparation and financial aid support services will remain open and available to all San Diego KIPPsters.

[Here is some guidance](#) for students and families who may be impacted by the loss of DACA protections. You can stay updated on DACA news and ways to stand with Dreamers by [signing up at FWD.US](#).

Over the next six months, leaders in Congress will be working on a legislative solution to help Dreamers and make DACA protections permanent. I assure you KIPP San Diego will be mobilizing to make sure our voices are heard and I hope I can count on the whole KIPP San Diego community to join us. Call your [Members of Congress today](#) to let them know you stand in support of DACA and Dreamers.

We will keep our KIPP San Diego community updated as new information becomes available.

In Solidarity,

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