KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

ICE ENFORCEMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• There is longstanding constitutional protection against immigration enforcement at public schools.

• In Plyler v. Doe, a case brought by MALDEF, the Supreme Court made access to a free, public education a constitutional right regardless of a student's immigration status.

• Immigration enforcement activity at a public school would be a violation of the U.S. Constitution because it would deny the right to attend school regardless of immigration status.

• Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) cannot engage in activities that discourage students from attending public school.

• MALDEF urges parents to send their kids to school. If they do not, the administration will succeed in denying their children's constitutional rights.

Having won Plyler, MALDEF is committed to defending it.

If parents learn of any immigration enforcement activity at a public school, they should contact MALDEF immediately at 213.629.2512 x141 or info@maldef.org.

