

DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY CHANGES

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LAST MONTH DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS REVISED THEIR ATTENDANCE AND SCHOOL PICK UP POLICIES BECAUSE STUDENTS ARE SCARED.

CAROLINA WEEK REPORTER KYLE OLIVER JOINS US LIVE TO EXPLAIN ALL THE CHANGES THE SCHOOL'S ARE DOING FOR STUDENTS.

[TAKE REPORTER LIVE]

Super:

:0:14 Kyle Oliver/ Carolina Week

“Here at Lakewood Elementary last week, 25% of the student population weren't in attendance due to ICE being in the triangle area but this week that number drops at 7%, as students feel more comfortable with coming back to school.”

[[TAKE PKG 2:36]]

TRACK 1: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, NAN LUJAN SAYS THAT THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL WENT TO CLASSROOMS TO ANSWER STUDENTS CONCERNS ABOUT ICE AGENTS.

SOT 1 0:10: “They're confused where their friends are and they're wondering, are you out because you have a dentist appointment? Like regular, you already had this scheduled or are you out because your family is scared.”

Super:

36:18 Turquoise L. Parker/Media Coordinator

TRACK 2: THE WEEK BEFORE THANKSGIVING, THE SCHOOL'S REVISED THEIR ATTENDANCE POLICIES TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO STAY HOME IF THEY ARE SCARED OF ICE AGENTS.

SOT 2 0:13: “We've done, like I said, personal phone calls. We've asked if, students have any needs outside of, just like the attendance correction. Like, do they need any work to work on at home, that they need food?”

Super:

56:05 Nan Lujan/ Assistant Principal

TRACK 3: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, NAN LUJAN SAYS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRAINED FACULTY AND STAFF THAT ICE AGENTS NEED A WARRANT TO LEGALLY COME INTO THE SCHOOL.

THEY WERE GIVEN PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WARRANT SO THEY KNOW WHAT ONE LOOKS LIKE.

SOT 3 0:18: "We know to like, come to the office. If someone were to come and then to be able to like, look for what we would need to look for. And if they don't have it, then we have resources we can call to say like this. You know, persons on campus, they're not they don't have the right credentials or the right paperwork."

Super:

1:26 Nan Lujan/ Assistant Principal

TRACK 4: ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, NAN LUJAN SAYS THE SCHOOL HAS RECEIVED CALLS FROM PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ABOUT SEEING ICE AGENTS IN THE AREA.

SOT 4 0:15: "We were getting lots of reports about, different activity close by. And just being really familiar,with the area where the school is. You start to recognize, like, some of the streets names and things like that."

Super:

1:48 Nan Lujan/ Assistant Principal

TRACK 5: MEDIA COORDINATOR, TURQUIOSE L. PARKER SAYS TWO WEEKS AGO THERE WERE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY LINED UP GUARDING THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL FROM ICE AGENTS.

SOT 5 0:22 : "Outward facing white people standing guarding the front of the school,the kids and families were confused. Are these the people? And y'all are just blocking them from coming closer to school? Or who are these people and the supportive community has signs to show welcoming, welcoming, support."

Super:

2:19 Turquoise L. Parker/ Media Coordinator

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[TAKE REPORTER LIVE]

Super:

: 0:22 Kyle Oliver/ Carolina Week

" Faculty and students here at the school have been trained to not let anyone in any other entrance other than the front entrance, which I'm standing in front of right now. when visiting, families have to sign into a computer or show some form of face photo ID when picking up students, with a call to confirm whoever the student has on file.

In Durham, Kyle Oliver, Carolina Week.”

TRT: 2:36

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THE DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT COULD BE IMPLEMENTING NEW POLICIES,
AND REVISITING TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND FACULTY IN THE UPCOMING YEAR.