

**Favorable  
Senate Bill 810  
Immigration Enforcement - Expanding Sensitive Locations, Notification,  
and Guidance (Maryland Values Act of 2026)**

**Judiciary Committee  
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The Maryland State Education Association supports Senate Bill 810. This legislation, as amended, requires certain public school personnel to notify a county superintendent or a county superintendent's designee if the individual receives certain notification of certain immigration enforcement at a school; expands the definition of sensitive locations relating to the definition of a "public school"; expands the definition of sensitive locations to include certain locations that distribute food to individuals in need; and prohibits public school personnel from engaging in certain immigration enforcement.

MSEA represents 76,000 educators and school employees who work in Maryland's public schools and community colleges, teaching and supporting our almost 900,000 K-12 students so they can pursue their dreams. MSEA represents more than 44 local affiliates in every county across the state of Maryland, and our parent affiliate is the 3-million-member National Education Association (NEA).

Senate Bill 810 is part of a number of legislative initiatives that MSEA is supporting this session to lend our voice to protect students in schools and their communities. There has been a dangerous escalation of authoritarian tactics that threaten safety, civil liberties, and democratic values across the country. The last 12 months have seen unjust law enforcement actions with little regard for due process and equal protection. Communities are being traumatized, requiring states like Maryland to resist assaults on our civil liberties through legislative action such as this bill.

MSEA believes in the continual promotion and protection of the educational environments that actively affirm the dignity, safety, and full participation of all



individuals. MSEA further believes in fostering trust and opportunity for immigrant communities through policies that ensure their full inclusion and protection within the school environment.

Educators have a moral and professional responsibility to keep all students safe, primarily in school, and to advocate for safe communities for our students and their families. We believe that creating clear guidance on procedures and prohibitions for public school personnel regarding immigration enforcement and the expansion of sensitive locations is part of creating safer communities and ultimately better learning and living conditions for our students, families, and staff.

**MSEA adds our voice to this critical moment that requires a renewed commitment to civil rights and social justice and urges a favorable report on Senate Bill 810.**