



WASA Statement on Immigration

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The Washington Association of School Administrators Board of Directors fully endorses the following statement from our national partner, AASA. We call on President Trump to immediately cease the inhumane and un-American policy of separating immigrant children from their parents, and to immediately return the children who have already been separated. Whatever position one takes on our nation's immigration policy, children should not be traumatized because of the inability of adults to resolve this issue.

For additional questions, please contact Dr. Bill Keim, WASA executive director at bkeim@wasa-oly.org.

AASA Statement on Immigration

Alexandria, Va. – June 18, 2018 – [AASA, The School Superintendents Association](#), released the following statement in response to the forced separation of children and parents at the U.S. border.

“Our nation’s public school superintendents and the schools they serve are legally required to educate the children that come through their doors. We are deeply concerned with recent steps that result in the separation of children and parents at the border.

“Immigration policy is not easy, but we are deeply troubled by the purposeful and aggressive implementation of a policy that is widely recognized as flawed, one that separates young children from their parents in a world they do not know. AASA is an organization that serves and represents education professionals. And while we won’t claim expertise in immigration policy, the nation’s public school superintendents are experts in what can and does work for students and young children, and we know that the separation policy is harmful, traumatic, and stressful, and these effects may follow these children for the rest of their lives.

“Policy can be tough and fair without being inhumane, and we urge the administration to immediately cease this intentionally cruel policy.”

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