



## VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Dr. Unal Karakas  
*Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The safety and security of our students is our highest priority. We want to take this opportunity to share important information about the protections in place for all students in our schools.

Under New York State law, all children ages 5 to 21, regardless of immigration status, are entitled to a free public education in the district in which they reside. Schools may not require the disclosure of a student's immigration status, and student records cannot be shared with law enforcement unless required by a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena, except in emergency situations in accordance with FERPA regulations. Additionally, law enforcement officers may not remove or question students on school grounds without parental consent, except in very limited legal circumstances. If such a request is ever made, our district administration will immediately work closely with our district's legal counsel.

Valley Stream 24 remains committed to fostering a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all students in alignment with New York State law. The safety and well-being of every student is always our district's top priority. If you have any questions, please reach out to your building principal, who collaborates with our district's administrative team to support you.

Thank you for your partnership in fostering a secure and supportive learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Unal Karakas  
Superintendent of Schools

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