

RESOLUTION NO. 09-10-09

Supporting the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act)

Whereas, the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act) is bipartisan legislation that addresses the situation faced by young people who were brought to the U. S. years ago as undocumented immigrant children but who have hence grown up here, stayed in school, and kept out of trouble; and

Whereas, education holds the key to a stronger community and is a path to a solid economy, low unemployment rates, low poverty rates, higher global standing and a more productive and beneficial society; and

Whereas, currently there is a need for equal access to education, educational funding, and equal opportunity for all students to succeed and contribute to society by acquiring higher education with the purpose of obtaining a successful and professional career that will allow for a return on the investment that a community has made on such individuals; and

Whereas, the broken immigration system has disenfranchised many proficient individuals based on choices and situations that were and remain out of their control, and has left these individuals in the margins of society; and

Whereas, individuals lacking U. S. residency have not been afforded the opportunity of legalizing their status and therefore, should now be offered the opportunity to step out of the shadows while pursuing post-secondary education, and be provided a pathway to becoming a legitimate citizen of the country they call home, the United States of America; and

Whereas, the passage of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act) would remove many of the educational and occupational barriers for immigrant students and allow them to become contributing members of American society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portales Municipal Schools Board of Education endorses the DREAM Act and urges institutions of higher education to fulfill their purpose in allowing students to realize their educational dreams.

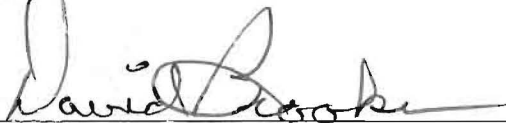
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 2010.



President, Board of Education

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ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Education