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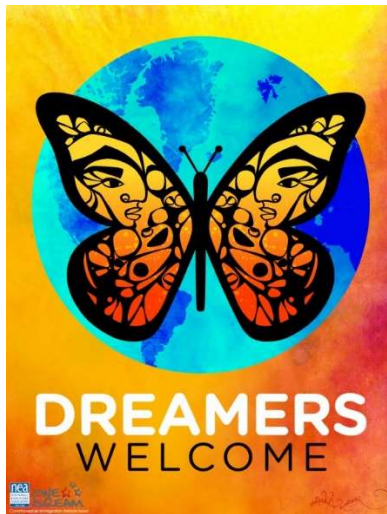
Dear Families,

On Friday, June 18 – the Supreme Court of the United States issued an important decision for the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program – it stated that the DACA program instituted in 2012 should remain in effect. This was a great outcome for many of our students, alumni, and Excel family members who have DACA status. Our community celebrated this important moment!

In the words of the MIRA Coalition’s president, Eva A. Millona, “This is a huge victory, and we’re thrilled that Dreamers, who have risked so much to secure their place in America, can have some peace of mind. We know how anxiously they had been awaiting this decision. The human toll of three years of uncertainty and fear has been enormous. DACA recipients deserve much better.”

The fight for ALL Dreamers (not just DACA recipients) is not over and we promise to continue uplift everyone in our community regardless of immigration status. We all here at Excel (teachers, staff, counselors, students, and friends) play an important part in supporting our Dreamers. Our immigrant voices and stories are valuable and make our Excel community whole. To that end, we strive to create a safe space here at Excel Academy, where all feel seen, heard, valued, and supported. Please reach out to someone at the school if you have questions or need resources about how to renew a DACA application. We have several staff members who would be happy to connect you to trusted resources for legal information in a way that honors your privacy and confidentiality.

Immigration is beautiful!



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