

Dear DCPS Community,

We have received a number of questions and heard concerns in recent weeks about what impact the election may have on our immigrant families, and as you may have seen, Mayor Bowser [recently reaffirmed](#) Washington, DC's status as a sanctuary city. All children

The District government, including DCPS, provides free language interpreter services for people who need information in a language they understand when communicating with government. If you need language assistance, please inform the staff member what language you need help with and an interpreter will be called for you.

In addition, schools have a desktop display of the most common languages. You can point to the language on the Language Identification Desktop Display, and an interpreter will be called to assist you.

What should I do if I have questions about my immigration rights?

For questions about enrollment and DCPS policies, contact the DCPS Student Placement Office at (202) 939-2004 or the Language Acquisition Division at (202) 671-0750.

The Language Acquisition Division at DCPS is also sponsoring upcoming workshops led by local legal services providers to inform school communities about immigration rights. For more information about these workshops, including dates and locations, please contact the Language Acquisition Division at (202) 671-0750.

Families can also find immigration legal help on the Immigration Advocates Network's national directory of more than 950 free or low-cost nonprofit immigration legal services providers in all 50 states. The searchable directory can be found online at <https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org>.

*For further information, or for legal questions and guidance beyond what DCPS can provide, we recommend contacting the [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#).*