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Greetings SOCCCD Community,

I hope this message finds you well. In light of recent developments in Washington D.C., many inquiries have come forward. We are closely monitoring and interpreting possible effects to our campuses, and potential implications for the students we serve.

As a collective, we value our students who come to us from all walks of life. They are the heart of our mission. As such, I want to take a moment to reaffirm my unwavering commitment to the principles of equity, inclusion, and belonging that underpin the student-centered work that we embark upon each day.

At South Orange Community College District, we believe that every individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their background, identity, or beliefs. Our dedication to fostering an inclusive environment and facilitating equitable student outcomes remains steadfast, and we will continue to prioritize initiatives and policies that promote these values.

We understand that these times may bring uncertainty and concern for some. However, I want to assure you that our mission to support and uplift all members of our community will not waver. We will persist in our efforts to create a welcoming and supportive space for everyone, ensuring that our campus remains a beacon of inclusivity and respect.

Our commitment to these values is not just a response to current events but a reflection of our core beliefs and long-term vision. We will continue to work together to build a community where all students, faculty, and staff feel valued, respected, and empowered to succeed.

Thank you for your continued dedication to these important principles. Together, we will carry forward with resilience and a shared commitment to making our community a place where everyone can thrive.

Warm regards,

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