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**Yucaipa-Calimesa Community Demands School Board Declare Position on  
Illegal Immigration Initiative Barring Illegal Aliens**

*ACF to Board: "Your priorities and values need to reflect the community."*

(Yucaipa, CA, April 10, 2017) – In response to the American Children First initiative filed with the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters last Monday that would bar illegal aliens from schools, Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District officials have hidden behind a professionally crafted press release stating that they intend to comply with state and federal laws.

It isn't good enough to merely hide behind the cover of laws that discriminate against American children.

**"The community expects and demands that their elected officials take a position on this initiative and declare whether or not they believe Plyler v Doe should be overturned,"** said Joseph Turner, Founder and Executive Director of American Children First. **"Either they believe American children should be given the best education possible or they believe they should be short changed in the name of helping illegal aliens. Which is it?"**

Time and time again school district officials and teachers either demand American taxpayers expect less when it comes to the quality of education their children receive or they demand more financial support in the name of perpetually lean budgets. Teacher unions do not care about our children and support illegal alien children getting an education because it means more jobs for their membership and more dues to feed their liberal agenda which does not align itself with this community.

According to information provided to ACF by Riverside and San Bernardino elections officials, the YCJUSD only has one Republican member on the school board. However, Republicans outnumber Democrats by a 48 to 26 percent margin and President Trump received more than 62 percent of the vote in the City of Yucaipa.

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**“The people of this school district voted for a man who promised to put America first,” Turner said. “And they have a school board that seemingly supports putting our American children second.”**

Each member of the board must unequivocally state for the record whether or not they believe illegal aliens deserve a taxpayer funded education that comes at the expense of our own children.

Turner concluded: **“It is a simple question: Does the Board support the continued discrimination against our American children as a result of the Plyler v Doe decision?”**

Absent a response from these elected officials, American Children First and its supporters will have no choice but to attend the next school board meeting to ask directly.

*Joseph Turner is the Executive Director of American Children First and author of the “American Children First” initiative. He previously founded the anti-illegal immigration group Save Our State and also authored the City of San Bernardino Illegal Immigration Relief Act (IIRA) in 2005. The IIRA served as the model for dozens of local jurisdictions, most notably Escondido (CA), Farmers Branch (TX), and Hazleton (PA). Farmers Branch and Hazleton had their ordinances struck down by their respective Courts of Appeals and the Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal for each case. Turner can be reached at: [info@americanchildrenfirst.org](mailto:info@americanchildrenfirst.org).*