

Statement from the Tempe Elementary School District

The Tempe Elementary School District is aware that a parent of a Shamley School student was detained by federal immigration authorities. The parent and federal agents were present near the school building in the Shamley neighborhood on Tuesday, May 26. The detention did not take place on school property.

We understand that this situation has caused concern for students, families, staff, and community members. We are focused on maintaining a safe and supportive learning environment for our students.

The district has also been informed that some students may be considering participating in a protest or walkout today. While we respect students' rights to peaceful expression, any student who leaves campus must follow district procedures and be signed out by a parent or guardian. Additional security measures will be in place to help support a safe and orderly campus environment.

Students will not face disciplinary consequences for participating in a walkout if they are properly signed out by a parent or guardian.

We encourage students to speak with a trusted adult at school if they have questions, concerns, or need support. We also encourage students and families to report any safety concerns directly to a school administrator.