

MAFSA Meeting: DCPS
Friday, May 15th
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- Philippines Transcripts
 - I. Overview of change between 10 year to 12 year school system as of SY2013-2014
- Family Reunification Presentation: Karen Gibson

Objectives: identifying issues impacting children who immigrate to US, acquire strategies to help promote positive environment to deal with family reunification, develop support systems for students

 - I. Unaccompanied minors- 60k, mainly from Central America
 - II. Crossing the border, difficulties, abuse
- “What Schools need to know about current Immigration Policy”: Wendy Cervantes

Objectives: Reasons for the increase of immigrant children from Central America, legal avenues, statistics, expectations for this year.

 - I. The second immigration wave: 2009-2014 – FY 2014- 15,000 children from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras
 - II. 2205 in MD
 - III. Research shows immigration has an impact on child development
 - IV. Obama Administration Executive Actions
 - V. D.A.C.A. , D.A.P.A. *D.A.P.A. on hold as a result of law suit by 26 states
 - VI. Original D.A.C.A Program announced 06/15/2012 is still available.
 - VII. Role of educators- raise awareness, train staff to have informed conversations
 - VIII. Resources
 - IX. Legal aspects of unaccompanied minors
 - X. Refugee Resettlement release to sponsor with no post release support.
 - XI. About 60 k total in the US
 - XII. Temporary relief/stay immigration reform is still needed
- International Academy Presentation: Rosanna DeMammos

Objectives: a program which could adequately support ELL students from Interrupted schooling/educational gaps

 - I. Currently have 200 students
 - II. By 2016-2017 – 300 students are expected
 - III. Structure, 5 pillars
 - IV. Tour!

Announcements:

- I. Upcoming M.E.L.L.F.I.N. Conference May 20th
- II. No chart updates
- III. Next MAFSA Meeting Location: PGCPs, October 2015