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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Immigrant Students in DPS

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Hi -

I'm a teacher at Denver Green School - Southeast, a Denver Public School in southeast Denver. I'm reaching out because I am hoping that you can help us to better serve a group of our students. This year, our school, along with a number of other DPS schools in SE Denver have seen a significant increase in the number of new to country students. In particular, our new families are arriving from Venezuela and Colombia. We are excited to have them in our community and we want to be sure that they have resources to be successful.

In DPS, resources are allocated to schools based on student enrollment. When there is a significant change in the amount of students or the composition of students needs, there can be a staffing imbalance that is hard to correct. For example, we are scrambling to find more Spanish speaking support staff because we were previously staffed to help more Arabic speakers.

Is there someone in your office who would be able to connect about changing immigration patterns this year and how we can support them? Perhaps there is already someone coordinating with DPS. If not, we would like to help establish that relationship.

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