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ABOR Statement Regarding In-State Tuition for DACA Students

In response to Maricopa County Superior Court's Decision in the State of Arizona v. Maricopa County Community College District Board

This statement can be attributed to ABOR President Eileen I. Klein

The Arizona Board of Regents is committed to broadening access and affordability for all students in Arizona and, as part of that mission, supports lawful opportunities to increase access for DACA students.

We are currently reviewing the court's decision. As we do with all board policies, we will comply fully with state and federal law.

Yesterday, the board discussed a proposed policy to create a new, Arizona high-school graduate nonresident tuition rate. Students who attended an Arizona high school for at least three years and graduated from an Arizona high school and are lawfully present in Arizona but are not currently eligible for in-state tuition could be eligible for the new non-resident rate of 150 percent of resident undergraduate tuition.

At this time, we do not expect this ruling to impact the status of this proposed policy since it affects all Arizona high-school graduates.

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