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Schools should be places of safety and inclusion where learning and community-building takes place. When immigration officers target schools, it creates an atmosphere of fear and prejudice that is not conducive to learning. It causes immigrant families to skip school out of fear of being "taken" and fall behind academically. And it sends a message that they are not valued because of the color of their skin. For these reasons, I support HB 4079 to protect immigrant students and make sure that every student has the same educational opportunities and sense of dignity as their peers.