

The School District of Abbotsford would like to communicate with students' parents and their families regarding the announcement that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program is scheduled to end on March 5, 2018.

The District has been made aware of a communication from [El Centro de Conexión de Chippewa Valley](#). 'El Centro' serves the community as a voice of recognition for multiculturalism, community support, and education throughout the Chippewa Valley area, but also for surrounding areas.

Recently it was announced that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program would end on March 5, 2018. The implications of this decision have created a great deal of uncertainty for our communities, and especially for the 7,000 young Wisconsinites currently participating in the program.

According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the federal agency that will administer the rescission of DACA, if a current participant's deferred action and work authorization will expire **prior** to March 5, 2018, he or she can and **must** apply for a renewal by October 5, 2017.

[Please share this important DACA program information with your networks and communities to ensure current participants are aware of the October 5, 2017 renewal deadline.](#)

DHS has also provided additional information for pending applicants, as well as Dreamers whose deferred action and work authorization will expire after March 5, 2018. Note there are unqualified individuals and organizations promoting fraudulent services to potential applicants, current Dreamers, and their families. Please make sure to visit the [official website of the Department of Homeland Security](#) to learn more about the rescission of the program. Information is also available in [Spanish](#).

If you have questions, please contact your child's counselor or an available translator.