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opportunities for work permits, drivers licenses and other benefits in exchange for registering with the federal government. Only undocumented residents who entered the country before their 16th birthday qualify for DACA protections. Unless Congress comes up with an alternative by March 5, 2018, those registered under DACA could be deported.

The Salem-Keizer School District planned to address the issue at a school board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 12. However, the

board adopted an inclusivity resolution in January mandating fair treatment of all students.

One of the concerns that has arisen is whether schools would allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents access to schools. The board will review policies and procedures for employees if ICE agents turn up at Salem-Keizer campuses.

"Short answer, we are not authorized to allow them access to our students," said Lillian Govus, director of community relations and communications for the school district.

Jespersen said the goal is for all Celtic students to feel safe and secure, but the uncertainty

regarding the future of DACA has some students afraid to fill out college applications. That is at odds with the mission of making all students college or career-ready by graduation.

He is encouraging everyone to take a deep breath and see what happens next as lawsuits filed to block the ending of DACA protections make their way through the courts. Oregon is one of numerous states suing to stop the Trump administration's actions.

"What I want people to know is that the school is backing all of our kids and all of our families regardless of the political climate. My number one job is looking after our kids," Jespersen said.

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with wheels that could ride over the surface easily. Any skaters that used the park had to go out and buy wider, more expensive wheels to be able to ride well," Johnson said.

In August, the city council approved a contract to rehabilitate portions of the skate park by grinding down some of the most used

sections of the pitted concrete and making it safer for riders of all types. A side benefit of the makeover was reducing friction allowing skaters and riders to do bigger and better tricks. As the group of civic leader arrived at the park dusk was nearing, but about 40 bikes, skateboards and scooters were carving lines around the refreshed areas of the park.

"The thing is I don't want to stop here," Johnson told the group.

The cost to do the

grinding work was about \$35,000 and the number of visitors had already increased exponentially in the three days since it was completed. However, the job is only partially done. Most of the grinding work targeted the areas and ramps most frequently used, but there are rough patches all around the park and two bowls and a handful of ramps that go largely unused because of poor design or deterioration.

Johnson said bids to

remodel the park completely top \$600,000, but the increased use after just the initial work has him rethinking the path forward.

"A lot of the park that is still usable with more grinding work, and I think we can work on redesigning sections of it like the bowls and ramps while using what is already here as a foundation. I think it will be cheaper than \$600,000, but I don't know by how much," Johnson said.



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