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Immigrant students fear deportation



President Donald Trump deployed the National Guard to Los Angeles in June amid protests against the administration's immigration policies. Officials at schools across the United States with large immigrant populations say many students have been fearful since Trump ramped up immigration enforcement. ROBYN BECK/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

School communities distraught over enforcement surge

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n empty seat. • Martir Garcia Lara's fourth grade teacher and classmates in Torrance, California, went on without him May 29. About 20 miles north in Los Angeles, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested and detained the boy and his father at their scheduled immigration hearing.

The agency, which under President Donald Trump has more aggressively deported undocumented immigrants, separated the boy and his father for a time and took them to an immigration detention facility in Texas. Garcia Lara and his father were reunited and deported to Honduras this summer.

Garcia Lara is one of the children and teens who have been rounded up by ICE and deported from the United States with their parents since the start of Trump's second presidential term. Many won't return to their schools in the fall.

"Martir's absence rippled beyond the school walls, touching the hearts of neighbors and strangers alike, who united in a shared hope for his safe return," Sara Myers, a spokesperson for the Torrance Unified School District, told USA TODAY.

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People demonstrate June 5 in Chelmsford, Massachuetts, after 18-year-old Marcelo Gomes da Silva was pulled over and arrested by ICE agents. ART ILLMAN/METROWEST DAILY NEWS FILE



Perry Duckles is poised to become interim district attorney for Monroe County. TINA MACINTYRE-YEE/ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE FILE

DA not yet named as successor to Doorley

Duckles to take interim role unless Hochul acts

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Monroe County's first assistant district attorney, Perry Duckles, is poised to step in as interim district attorney once Sandra Doorley officially leaves office at the end of Au-

Duckles, a longtime prosecutor who has worked in the DA's Office since 2003, is next in line to assume the county's top prosecutorial role. However, Gov.



Doorley

Kathy Hochul, who holds the authority to appoint a new district attorney to serve until next year's election, has not yet announced a decision.

If Hochul does not make an appointment by Aug. 31, Duckles will automatically assume the duties of district attorney. He would serve in that capacity until a successor is appointed or elected, according to the governor's office.

A Penfield native, Duckles has served as Monroe County's first assistant district attorney since 2016. He previously worked in several units of the DA's Office, including the Local Courts Bureau, DWI Bureau, County Court Bureau, and Major Felony Bu-

Duckles, 50, is a Penfield High School graduate and earned his law

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Melissa Etheridge, Indigo Girls to perform at CMAC

In this 2019 file photo, Kansas City Chiefs fan Melissa Etheridge sings the national anthem in the AFC Championship game.

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Melissa Etheridge stopped worrying about things a long time ago.

Cancer will give you that perspective. The loss of a son to addiction will too.

Etheridge, who is set to perform at CMAC on Aug. 27 with the Indigo Girls, burst onto the music scene with the hard-rocking "Bring Me Some Water" back in 1988.

Etheridge, who came out publicly in 1993, hit the stratosphere that same year with the huge and Grammy Award-win-

ning, "Come to My Window," considered by many an LGBTQ+ anthem, from the same "Yes I Am" album that produced "I'm the Only One" and "If I Wanted To."

Etheridge has sold some 25 million records, telling personal yet universal stories, meaningfully conveyed by her powerful, unmistakable voice.

That kind of songwriting is by design. "That's what I always thought rock and roll music was," Etheridge said in a phone interview. "It was very personal. And I felt like writing from my heart and from my experience living it.

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If you go

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Melissa Etheridge and Indigo Girls show

When: 7 p.m. Aug. 27. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

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