



MEETING OF: January 16, 2018

TITLE: Re-Integration of Mexican American Studies Back into Tucson Unified School District - Requested by Board Members Adelita Grijalva and Kristel Foster

ITEM #: 13

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

Now that the Board understands the ramifications of the Federal ruling in regards to ARS 15-112, this action item is to direct staff to communicate this same information to Dr. Hawley, the Fisher-Mendoza Plaintiffs and the Director of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy and Instruction so that curriculum design and professional development planning from this day forward is no longer hindered under the previous restrictions outlined in ARS 15-112.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Multiple studies show that the former Mexican American Studies Department in Tucson Unified School District established a very successful ethnic studies program that raised student interest and achievement. We also know that currently our Culturally Relevant courses are engaging our learners and preparing students for academic success as well.

With this vote, the Board is assuring the community that whatever elements that existed previously under MAS, that have not been permitted under ARS 15-112, may now be incorporated to better reach the socio-cultural needs and academic success of our Tucson Unified School District students.

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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For amendments to current IGAs, Initiator provides original IGA recording number:

Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Budget Certification (for use by Office of Financial Services only):

Kristel Ann Foster, Governing Board Clerk and Adelita S. Grijalva, Governing Board Member	1-10-18	
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