

**Tucson Unified School District 1
Student Safety Awareness Month Proclamation**

- WHEREAS:** Children are the most valuable resources in our community; a top priority of parents, teachers, community leaders and concerned citizens should be to guarantee their safety and well-being; and
- WHEREAS:** Every student in Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) deserves an effective, equitable and safe learning environment – getting safely to and from school is necessary if we are to attain that goal; and
- WHEREAS:** Fatalities and injuries to our students while getting to and from schools can be avoided each year if our community takes steps to make student safety a priority; and
- WHEREAS:** Motorists should be keenly aware of children walking to and from school and be especially cautious in and around school zones. They should slow down when approaching a school, abide by the 15 MPH posted speeds in school zones, and families will follow directions given by district personnel in student safety zones; and
- WHEREAS:** TUSD will continue to take proactive steps to ensure children’s safety, including the transparent and collaborative development of strong policies and procedures for school zones in coordination with the City of Tucson and Pima County; and
- WHEREAS:** Recognizing that families and community members are also our partners in keeping our school children safe, our district is committed to providing information and safety tips relating to school-safety issues at the beginning of every school year; and
- WHEREAS,** The observance of Student Safety Awareness Month in January and August encourages students, parents, educators, and other community members to realize the importance of slowing down in school zones and around school buses, and crossing only at marked crosswalks

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tucson Unified School District 1 Governing Board hereby proclaims January and August of every year as: ***Student Safety Awareness Month***, and encourages district employees, students, their families, local residents, the City of Tucson, and Pima County to participate actively and effectively in increasing school-zone safety.

AFFIRMED AND RE-ADOPTED this 17th day of January, 2017, by the Governing Board of Tucson Unified School District:

Michael Hicks, President

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