

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1  
OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA  
OPPOSING THE APPOINTMENT OF BETSY DEVOS  
AS THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Tucson Unified School District provides a free public education to all children residing in Southern Arizona;

**WHEREAS** the professional educators who work for our district must be certified after the completion of coursework in educational theory, practice and policy and demonstrate this knowledge through examination and a practicum placement;

**WHEREAS**, Betsy DeVos has never attended a public school, been a public school teacher, principal, director or superintendent, and unlike all the professional educators who comprise Tucson Unified School District, has not demonstrated an understanding of educational theory, practice or policy. At her Confirmation Hearing in front of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, she showed little understanding of the accountability measurements that drive the assessment, instruction and evaluation of public school students and teachers as well as the Federal IDEA Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, that guarantees all children an education no matter what abilities they may or may not bring to our classrooms.

**WHEREAS**, Betsy DeVos is a staunch supporter of school voucher programs that divert taxpayer money away from traditional public schools like Tucson Unified and is a proponent of private, parochial and for-profit charter schools, demonstrating her ideologically opposition to traditional public school districts like Tucson Unified;

**WHEREAS**, in the Oath of Office that each member of this Board took, we stated that we will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of Governing Board Member for Tucson Unified School District Number One, which is a traditional public school district;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Board of Tucson Unified School District, a traditional public school district, opposes the appointment of Betsy DeVos as the United States Secretary of Education.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board this Fourteenth day of February 2017.

**Governing Board Members:**

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**Michael Hicks, President**

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**Mark Stegeman, Clerk**

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**Kristel Ann Foster, Member**

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**Adelita S. Grijalva, Member**

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**Rachael Sedgwick, Member**