



TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING February 26, 2019
OF:

TITLE: Mexican American Studies/Mexican American Viewpoint Culturally Relevant Courses (CRC) -
Requested by Board Clerk Ms. Rachael Sedgwick

ITEM #: 16

Information:

Study: X

Action:

PURPOSE:

To provide the Board with a presentation regarding: 1) Mexican American Studies (MAS), as the course was taught in TUSD prior to 2012; 2) Mexican American Viewpoint Culturally Relevant Courses (CRC), which are currently taught in TUSD; and, 3) the difference between the two. The Board will consider the information in order to, potentially, take a vote at an upcoming meeting about whether and how to change the Mexican American Viewpoint CRC curriculum so that it is as beneficial to students as possible.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

In 2017, the Court found that the State of Arizona was not permitted to enforce the law that banned Mexican American Studies in TUSD because it "was enacted and enforced, not for legitimate education purposes, but for (i) an invidious discriminatory racial purpose, and (ii) a politically partisan purpose--to shut down the [TUSD Mexican American Studies program]--in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution." TUSD has provided Mexican American Viewpoint CRC since not long after MAS was banned in 2012. In light of the Court ruling, however, community members have requested that TUSD "bring back MAS." This is an opportunity for the Board and community to understand the differences between MAS and Mexican American Viewpoint CRC, and for the Board to decide whether it needs to vote to change the curriculum to provide an additional benefit to students.

Presenters: Lorenzo Lopez, Director of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy and Instruction; and Maria Federico-Brummer, Director of Mexican American Student Services

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

_____ District Budget
_____ State/Federal Funds
_____ Other
Budget Cost Budget Code

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

Date
I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$
are available and may be:
Authorized from current year budget
Authorized with School Board approval
Code: Fund:

INITIATOR(S):

<u>Rachael Sedgwick, Board Clerk</u>	<u>2-15-19</u>
Name	Title
	Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

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