

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, throughout the Tucson Unified School District, we work to shape and prepare our students for life beyond high school.

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of graduation and the hurdles that often face our students: bullying, teen pregnancy, dating violence and sexual assault all impact a student's ability to successfully transition to adulthood. To that end, we worked to enact an inclusive health and sex education curriculum.

WHEREAS, Tucson Unified regrets that what it enacts today, while it is a significant step forward, is not truly inclusive health and sex education policy, because of Arizona State law (ARS 15-716C) that forbids instruction which "Promotes a homosexual lifestyle" or "portrays homosexuality as a positive alternative lifestyle" etc. This provision is offensive, shaming, and we believe, has no place in Arizona educational policy. Tucson Unified will comply with the strict requirements of the law while we work for inclusive change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tucson Unified School District continues its pledge to:

TEACH IN WAYS THAT INCLUDE EVERY CHILD. We will practice conscious regard for diversity among students in terms of genders and gender identities, sexual orientations, developmental stage, physical characteristics and body types, races and ethnicities, languages and countries of origin, religious beliefs and faith communities, family structure and status, abilities and disabilities, sexual experiences and histories of victimization, pregnancy, abortion and parenting experiences. In short, we will continue to honor and respect all our students and celebrate our diverse student body as our greatest strength.

Adopted this __th day of _____, 2016 by the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board.

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