



Tucson Unified Governing Board Resolution

Supporting Educators and #RedForEd

Whereas the Tucson Unified Governing Board recognizes that the funding for schools in Arizona is a billion dollars below 2008 levels; and

Whereas the Tucson Unified Governing Board is witness to the consequences of this chronic underfunding and sees the negative impact to teachers, staff, students, families, our community and our state; and

Whereas the Tucson Unified Governing Board has supported and worked for solutions to fund teacher and support professionals pay raises and other educational needs, only to see the Arizona Legislature fail to stop enacting tax cuts that run counter to our efforts; and

Whereas no one has worked harder nor waited longer for raises and restoring the money for resources for their classrooms and schools nor sacrificed more than our teachers and support professionals; and

Whereas on behalf of our students and families, we cannot allow this crisis to continue without a plan to address these issues, we support our school employees as they make their demands known for the necessary funding for a meaningful teacher and support professionals pay raise and education funding;

Whereas we are confident our community, including parents, families, caregivers, business leaders, teachers, support professionals, families, school district administrators, neighbors, and friends will support our educators as they participate in #RedforEd advocating for what they need to educate our children and secure the future of Arizona.

Be it resolved that the Tucson Unified Governing Board is in full support of our educators and stands ready to take steps necessary to improve salaries and working conditions for our school employees.

The Tucson Unified Governing Board urges the Arizona State Legislature to work urgently on behalf of the children and families in our State to take swift and meaningful action to develop a viable plan to pay teachers and support professionals the professional salaries they deserve.

Resolved this 10th day of April, 2018.

Dr. Mark Stegeman, President

Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk

Adelita S. Grijalva, Member

Michael Hicks, Member

Rachael Sedgwick, Member