

Superintendent's Report

June 9th, 2015

Award for Financial Reporting

- TUSD has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Award from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
- This award is given to school districts that have met or exceeded the association's high standards for financial reporting and accountability.
- This award confirms the district's Financial Services' commitment to financial accountability and transparency.

- ASBO noted the following in announcing the award:
 - TUSD practices transparency through publishing financial reports and statements and holding community presentations and forums.
 - The Finance Department's website for the district's financial reports.

Itinerant Teacher Program

- We are working to hire a select group of certified substitutes or certified teachers.
- Itinerant teacher/subs will be assigned to high-need positions that we have not been able to fill with a permanent teacher.
- Itinerant teachers will be TUSD employees and will get benefits, retirement, etc.
- They will be guaranteed 180 days of employment per year.

- We are able to offer these positions because of amendments to the Substitute Certification rules approved by the Arizona Department of Education:
- School districts may request an exemption from the Board rule which limits an individual who holds only a Substitute certificate from teaching in the same school more than 120 days per school year. An exemption from the 120 day limit shall not be granted to the same individual more than three times.
- The grade level of the Substitute certificate has been expanded from K-12 to PreK-12.

- To apply for the exemption, districts must verify the following:
- The school district or charter school is requesting an exemption from the limit on teaching 120 days in the same school for the current school year for the substitute certificate holder indicated.
- The position in which the substitute teacher has been placed has been continuously advertised on a statewide basis at a minimum of three sites with at least one being a higher education institution.
- A highly qualified and employable candidate was not found.

Teacher Certification Help

- Our professional development team will work with aspiring teachers who are having trouble passing the teacher certification exams.
- This is for people who have completed their coursework requirements but are having trouble with some aspect of testing.
- Anyone who needs help can contact the professional development team.

White House Conversation on Discipline

- A team from TUSD will be involved in a national conversation on July 22, 2015, at the White House on improving school discipline policies and practices.
- The invitation came from Roberto J. Rodriguez, Deputy Assistant to the President for Education.
- A group of educational leaders, advocates, researchers, state and community officials and others from around the nation will participate.

Superintendent Recognition

- Silver HealthierUS School Challenge Award:
Booth-Fickett K-8 Math and Science Magnet School
 - Charles Bermudez
 - James Roberts
 - Kathryn Stinely
 - Donna Johnson
 - Shirley Sokol
 - Lindsay Aguilar
 - Michelle Welsh
 - Camilla Loehrer

Superintendent Recognition

- Teams from Athlon Physical Therapy and the University of Arizona Sports Physicians provided sports physicals for TUSD's student athletes
- Athlon Physical Therapy
- University of Arizona Sports Physicians
- Carrie Anderson
- Dr. Lukas Tvedt
- Amanda Tvedt
- Dr. Holly McNulty

Palo Verde High Magnet School

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