## TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT **BOARD AGENDA ITEM FORM**

TITLE: State the Board's broad goals for TUSD

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**PURPOSE:** 

To set forth the Board's broad goals for TUSD.

WHEREAS:

Among the 25 strategic priorities in the "concise" strategic plan that the Board adopted on July 22, 2014:

only one mentions academic standards and even then makes no commitment to setting high standards;

none mention enrollment;

none mention reallocating resources from administration to instruction;

none mention teacher vacancies, recruitment, or turnover;

only two mention safety or school climate and then only in the context of providing safe facilities;

none mention the desegregation case or the Unitary Status Plan;

A simpler list of broad goals will communicate the Board's goals more clearly to TUSD staff and the broader community.

## THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The following six goals represent fundamental priorities of the Board and should be integral to planning and accountability:

- Student achievement (measured by appropriate absolute standards);
- Enrollment growth (at schools recognized by ADE, not pre-schools);
- Reallocation of funds out of administration and into instruction (measured in part by the administrative and instructional spending percentages calculated by the Auditor General);
- Reduction in teacher vacancies and turnover and recruitment of highly qualified teachers;
- Safe and productive school climates (measured in ways that minimize incentives to disregard or under-report problems);
- Successful implementation of the Unitary Status Plan and strengthening of the case for release from court oversight.