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## MEMORANDUM

- TO: Bryant Nodine, Director of Planning Services Tucson Unified School District No. 1
- FROM: Ricky Hernandez Deputy County School Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer
- RE: 2017 TUSD Bond Voter Information Pamphlet DRAFT

DATE: July 25, 2017

With this memorandum, please find enclosed a <u>very</u> preliminary draft of the voter information pamphlet that is being compiled by the Pima County School Superintendent's Office for distribution to the voters of Tucson Unified School District. We are providing this draft as a courtesy to you to review some of the initial compilation of work that has been completed. However, please note that this pamphlet is subject to change before it is finalized for printing.

Please note the following items –

- 1. Some of the elements provided in English have not been translated by our Spanish language translator. Therefore you may find pieces that are listed in English that are currently not listed in Spanish. Those will start to be included as the translations are reviewed and completed.
- 2. There are currently no arguments for or against the ballot question. The deadline, as published in the *Arizona Daily Star*, is Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> by 5:00PM. Those arguments must be received in our office by the established deadline and meeting the requirements published in order for these to be included in the pamphlet.
- 3. We do ask that you carefully review the ballot question that is included. We will be finalizing these ballot questions by the end of the current week (July 28<sup>th</sup>) in order to start creating official ballot proofs. Once we submit the ballot language and have approved, there will be no further changes to the ballot question.



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- 4. The various tax information pieces have been reviewed by your outside bond advisors. However, our office has not reviewed these, which we will be doing.
- 5. Finally, the listing of the Early Voting Sites for the mail ballot drop offs is currently undetermined. The Pima County School Superintendent, Dustin Williams, and the Pima County Recorder, F. Ann Rodriguez, have contacted the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson to propose consolidation of the City's elections with the County's elections. Currently, Flowing Wells, Sunnyside and TUSD all have special elections that are being conducted by the County that are also within the corporate limits of the City of Tucson. The hope is to: 1) avoid voter confusion in having multiple ballots for the November 2017 election and 2) reduce the cost to taxpayers by sharing the expense among overlapping jurisdictions. At this time, a decision has not been made by the City of Tucson. Our office would certainly encourage TUSD officials to contact the Mayor and Council to consider a consolidation of the various elections. This will ultimately determine the Early Voting Sites for November 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you or anyone at TUSD has any additional questions regarding the conduct of the election, please contact me at your convenience at (520) 724-8451 or ricky.hernandez@schools.pima.gov.