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**Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Report**  
**Tucson Unified School District**  
**September 18, 2012**

Good evening: Mr. President, Board Members, Dr. Pedicone, Ms. Durcan, and Guests. My name is Evelyn Sanchez Gonzalez and it is a great honor to represent the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council as president for the 2012-2013 school year. Present this evening we also have our Vice-President, Juana Moreno from Pueblo High School and our Secretary, Madison Dodge from University High School.

Our first meeting took place less than a month ago, September 18th, in Tucson High School's Hall of Champions. We would like to thank Principal Dr. Clarice Clash and Learning Support Coordinator Andy Burrola for being gracious hosts. Our objective was to welcome new and returning members, introduce the need for a To College and Beyond Campaign, and stress the importance of continuing last year's Kindness Campaign.

We began the meeting with Dr. Pedicone and Mr. McCollum speaking to us about relevancy, leadership, expectations, actions, efficiency, and dedication. We then moved on to one of the areas we hope to improve within the council which is the collaboration between schools and council members. We need to think more on a global level and how we can affect all of TUSD and not just our individual schools. To help promote that collaboration a team building activity was led by our Vice-President led and followed up with Dr. Pedicone's indispensable message "Don't let the seeds stop you from eating the watermelon."

To help solidify our message of collaboration we watched a video from TED that revealed the secret to being successful, which is to work for the WHY in life instead of the WHAT or HOW. After you know the why, and you gather the people that believe in the same cause, then the rest will fall into place.

After lunch Issac Sanft, from Special Olympics presented a program called "Spread the Word to End the Word". This project which would be run in conjunction with Courage to Be Kind Week, would promote a more welcoming environment for our Exceptional Education Students by spreading the word to end the word "retarded" on our campuses.

We are also beginning work with Ms. Cara Rene Director of Communication and Media Relations on how we can improve and broaden student voice within our district.

We ended the day by breaking up into four different committees: Kindness Campaign, College Readiness, Spread the Word to End the Word, and general student concerns about campuses to expand on everything we had heard throughout the day. The committee brainstorming highlighted the brilliancy of the students that our council is composed of. I am eager to see what our council will accomplish this year, and I look forward to leading SSAC with enthusiasm, dedication, and honor because after all, we do represent Tucson Unified School District's students.

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Thank you very much,

Evelyn Sanchez

SSAC President 2012-2013