



Tanque Verde Unified School District #13

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TVUSD School Closure UPDATE - No School Tuesday, May 1st

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Dear Tanque Verde Unified School District Parents and Guardians,

The past few days have been challenging and unprecedented in our state. We have empathy for both the teachers advocating for increased education funding, and for the parents, students and staff who wish to see our schools open.

Dr. Cowan, Superintendent of the Mesa Public School District, explained the situation in an email this weekend - *"On Friday afternoon, Governor Ducey and the leaders of the Arizona Legislature reached an agreement on the Governor's recent budget proposal. The proposal supports the plan for a 20-percent increase in classroom teacher pay by 2020, and begins the restoration of recession-era cuts. It provides flexible dollars to increase support staff pay, update curriculum and improve school facilities. This plan should be seen as a pronounced start, fostering a continued, multiple-year conversation between state-elected officials, teachers and Arizona families."*

The statewide #RedforEd walkout has not been called off by the organizers, with demonstrations and walkouts continuing Tuesday. As a result, we will not have sufficient staff in place and **TVUSD schools will remain closed through Tuesday, May 1st.**

The budget proposal is expected to go before the legislature for a vote on Wednesday. We are actively working on plans to reopen school as soon as we know we have appropriate levels of staff.

After receiving guidance from the Arizona Department of Education, we have determined we will be required to extend the school calendar to replace instructional time lost during the closure.

In order to minimize disruption to our TVUSD families, we are working to create plans that will provide flexibility to parents. Any days added to the calendar will be opportunities for additional learning, but will not affect a student's grade or be required.

Please continue to monitor the district website and school communications closely. We will inform you of specifics of the school year extension as soon as the details are determined.

Thank you again for your patience, flexibility, and understanding during these unprecedented times.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Scott Hagerman'.

Scott Hagerman, Ed.D.
Superintendent