



April 20, 2018

As you are likely aware, teachers across the state of Arizona have voted to hold school walkouts beginning Thursday, April 26, as part of an ongoing movement to increase teacher salaries and raise awareness about public education funding.

Scottsdale Unified School District does not want to see schools closed by a work stoppage. However, we may be forced to close individual schools due to staff shortages. District leadership has been meeting to determine plans for walkout days. The number one consideration in these discussions is the safety and welfare of our students.

SUSD will keep parents updated via phone calls, text message and email. Please make sure your contact information is up to date, and frequently check for communications from SUSD.

All efforts will be made to notify parents as to the status of their school(s) by Noon on Tuesday, April 24. We sincerely hope our schools remain open, but out of an abundance of caution, we want to share with you the following possible plan of action:

IN THE EVENT THAT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS MUST CLOSE:

Students, Families & Community Impact:

- Students and families would not have access to the buildings.
- School closures would include all services at that school, including before- and after-school programming, clubs, activities and any community use of the school facilities. There are limited exceptions. Please speak with your principal.
- Meals would not be served.
- There would be no bus service to closed campuses.
- Transportation would still be provided to students enrolled in off-campus special programs, such as EVIT and ACES.
- The District's intent is for High School Athletics to continue as scheduled, including bus transportation, but other district-run extracurricular programming may be suspended. (No Middle School sports)
- If there is adequate supervision from parents and other chaperones, proms would be held as planned.
- Graduation would be held as scheduled. Diplomas would be issued when all requirements, such as course completion and attendance, are met.
- All field trips would be handled on a case-by-case basis. Contact your principal for more information.



Staffing & District Calendar:

- If make-up days are required by the state, they would be added to the end of the current student calendar. All employees would be expected to work on those subsequent days.
- District leave policies will still be in effect. More detailed communication for staff is forthcoming.
- Non-12-month Classified employees assigned to schools would not work. According to state law, hourly employees who are not working for any reason cannot be compensated. When days are made up at the end of the year, classified staff would work and would be paid.
- Staff will not have access to buildings, with the exception of administrators and pre-approved staff.

This planning is fluid. SUSD will provide daily communication with updated information. Please rely only on official District information channels, including direct emails, phone calls, text messages, website: susd.org, facebook: /ScottsdaleUSD, twitter: @ScottsdaleUSD.

Again, we urge you to make sure your contact information is up to date with your school. Thank you for your patience as we work to best serve the needs of our SUSD students.