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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR - DISTRICT 5

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 25, 2018

**TO:** Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Richard Elías, Chairman, District Five Supervisor 

**REGARDING:** Item for the May 1, 2018 agenda addendum


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Please add the following to the May 1, 2018 agenda addendum:

### Resolution

A resolution in support of Arizona Educators and their #REDforED campaign to increase funding for public education, including raising salaries for seriously underpaid teachers and support staff members. (Districts 5)

Thank you

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ARIZONA EDUCATORS AND THEIR  
#REDFORED CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC  
EDUCATION, INCLUDING RAISING SALARIES FOR SERIOUSLY  
UNDERPAID TEACHERS AND SUPPORT-STAFF MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the existence of a strong, effective system of free public education is essential to our democratic system of government, and

WHEREAS, the economic, cultural and social future of Pima County and Arizona is dependent upon the assurance of educational opportunity for all our children, and

WHEREAS, sound and deliberate investment in the public-education system maintains the basis needed to secure a stable and prosperous future, and attracts economic investment and development, and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Governor and Legislature every year deplete the state's general fund and erode public-school funding with unnecessary and unwarranted corporate tax cuts, tax credits that favor private schools and special interests, and voucher programs that divert money from public schools, leaving Arizona \$1 billion below its funding level of 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Governor and Legislature's miserly investment in our public-education system ranks the state at or close to last in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the people of Arizona have supported proposals and worked to forge solutions to properly fund our public schools, teachers and support staff workers, only to have the Arizona Governor and Legislature rebuff or circumvent their efforts, and

WHEREAS, we now have a crisis in our public-education system as we are unable to attract and retain sufficient educational professionals to staff it, and

WHEREAS, no one has worked harder, waited longer for raises and the restoration of public-school financial resources, or sacrificed more as a result of this crisis than our teachers and support-staff members, and

WHEREAS, we are confident that our community, including parents, families, caregivers, business leaders, teachers, school-district administrators, neighbors and friends support meaningful pay raises for public school employees and increased public-school funding to educate our children and secure the future of Arizona,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby is in full support of our educators and their #REDFORED campaign demanding meaningful pay raises for public-school employees and significantly increased funding for public education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors calls upon the Arizona Governor and Legislature to work urgently on behalf of the children and people of Pima County and Arizona for swift and meaningful action on a viable plan to pay teachers and support staff members the salaries they deserve and to adequately fund our vital public school system.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Richard Elías, Chairman  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Andrew Flagg, Deputy County Attorney