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SUSD on Track to Hit 10% Teacher Pay Raise Goal One Year Early

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (February 14, 2017) Scottsdale public school teachers are about to get another bump in pay. This week, Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) Superintendent Dr. Denise Birdwell announced a plan to increase teacher pay by 3.5% for the 2018-2019 school year.

SUSD has made teacher pay a top priority, launching a plan to increase compensation for educators by 10% over the course of four years. As part of that commitment, the District has taken the following steps:

- In 2015-2016, SUSD invested Proposition 123 funds into teacher pay, an increase of 3.5% to 5.5%, depending on years of service.
- In 2016-2017, SUSD provided an additional 2% pay raise.
- In 2017-2018, SUSD reallocated funds to provide more than \$2.5 million in additional compensation, another 2% increase.
- When the new school year starts in August, SUSD will hit its four-year-goal in just three calendar years with the proposed 3.5% increase.

“We set an ambitious goal to raise teacher pay by 10% over four years,” said Supt. Birdwell. “To now be on track to hit that goal a year early is tremendous, and we hope it shows just how committed this District is to attracting and retaining the very best educators.”

SUSD is dedicated to continuing to place dollars in teacher salaries as additional funding becomes available through the state budgeting process. For more information on SUSD recruitment efforts, visit careers.susd.org.

The *Core Purpose* of the Scottsdale Unified School District is *To Ensure All Individual Learners Reach Their Full Potential*. The Scottsdale Unified School District offers 30 schools, serving approximately 23,000 students. School boundaries include parts of Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Phoenix and Tempe. Find more information about SUSD at www.susd.org.

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