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## **SUSD Supports Teachers with Pay Raise, Surpasses Goal of 10% Increase in 4 Years**

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (April 3, 2018)** Scottsdale public school teachers will get a pay increase this fall. The Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) Governing Board voted in favor of teacher raises at a meeting on April 3. The vote fulfills a promise made to teachers in February to increase pay by 3.5% for the 2018-2019 school year.

“We are constantly reviewing our budget to see where we can reallocate funds and be more efficient,” said Acting Superintendent Dr. Amy Fuller. “Teacher salaries are a top priority in the Scottsdale Unified School District, which is why the Governing Board has set an ambitious goal to increase pay by 10% over four years.”

Interim Chief Financial Officer Dr. Doug Virgil shared with the Governing Board that it has already surpassed that goal. Starting with the 2015-2016 school year, SUSD has increased teacher pay by at least 2% every year.

In 2018-2019, SUSD will allocate an additional \$2,000,000 to raise teacher salaries by 2.5%, on top of a proposed 1.06% state increase (pending legislative and gubernatorial approval). That brings SUSD teacher pay increases to a total of more than 14% in the last four years.

SUSD recognizes the national movement underway to better compensate educators for the extraordinary work they do every day. The District will continue to look for ways to improve teacher pay in the future. For more information on SUSD recruitment efforts, visit [careers.susd.org](http://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](http://www.susd.org).

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