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Scottsdale Teachers Working Saturdays to Help Students Succeed: The Coronado Success Initiative in Action

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (September 28, 2017) Change is underway at Coronado High School in Scottsdale, and that change is not limited to the work done in the classroom Monday through Friday. As part of the Coronado Success Initiative (CSI), devoted teachers are spending several Saturdays throughout the year expanding their skills to benefit their students.

The CSI aims to create a new future for the students of SUSD’s second oldest high school, where the graduation rate has been dropping and fewer students have been taking college-entrance tests in recent years. The Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) and Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University kicked off the CSI in January with the financial backing of the Scottsdale Charros.

Part of the CSI calls on Coronado teachers to make extra commitments to their students, such as attending Coronado-specific professional development opportunities outside of school hours and conducting after-school tutoring sessions.

“I am really proud of the way that our teachers have embraced the CSI, and our students are excited to have the entire school community united behind them to help them succeed,” said Coronado principal Chris Gilmore. “We’re confident that the changes we’re making this school year and the next, and the professional learning communities we’re building here will lead to our students having more and better opportunities for success, now and in the future.”

SUSD Governing Board member Kim Hartmann agreed: “I am delighted by the Coronado teachers’ student-focused dedication. Their commitment to our students is the very essence of the Coronado Success Initiative.”

Three media opportunities are coming up to see the CSI ‘in action’:

When:	What:	Where:
Friday, Sept. 29: 2:20 p.m.	After-school tutoring	Office
Saturday, Sept. 30: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Teacher training with ASU	Lecture Hall
Monday Oct. 9 - 13: 11a.m. – 2 p.m.	Fall Break ACT Test prep	Teacher Classrooms

Contact SUSD Public Information Officer [Erin Helm](mailto:Erin.Helm@susd.org), (480) 389-9033, to arrange coverage.

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.