



Friday, April 20, 2018

To All Parents of Arizona Charter Schools Students,

As you may be aware, Arizona teachers are considering potential action to support the Red for Ed movement. These actions could include a walkout that could impact our school days. It is our hope that Arizona Charter Schools would know these date(s) in advance, but we are preparing for all possible scenarios. Rest assured that, first and foremost, plans will be developed with student well-being and safety as our continued top priority.

Red for Ed is happening in an effort to obtain more overall funding for schools. (Teacher pay is a small part of the movement.) We are seeing increasing discussion of these issues and, of course, we support conversation. However, if a strike is planned, ACS will make every effort to avoid closing schools. Also, be aware that we are currently working on plans to keep our schools open in the event of work stoppage.

As a charter school, we cannot use our resources to influence elections or political discussion. We also cannot hand out literature to students that advocates for or against legislation. In addition, let me emphasize that we are very cognizant about acting in a way that would discourage employees from having, discussing, and expressing their opinions about Red for Ed, or from taking concerted action in support of their views. However, if we have too few staff members to safely hold school, we may be forced to close schools for that day. Please consider that you may want to arrange alternative daycare plans in the event that schools are forced to close.

If we are unable to hold school, parents and guardians will receive a phone call and/or email (if provided to the school) with school closure information. This information will also be shared on the district website as well as our individual charter school sites and also updated to you continuously on social media (Facebook and Twitter). Be assured that we will do everything we can to provide you with as much information as is currently possible.

I feel that we are a community of staff who are here because they love teaching and love our students. And ultimately, we are here for our students. Please let me know if you have any questions or want to talk about this further.

Thank you for your dedication to our students and community.

Sincerely,

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