



April 20, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

You may have heard about teachers in Arizona supporting the statewide #RedforEd Campaign and participating in statewide efforts to raise awareness for teacher and staff salaries and the need for additional state funding for education. Efforts have included rallies at the State Capitol, staff walk-in's to school on Wednesdays, and social media campaigns. We appreciate our staffs' concern for the children of Alhambra and their peaceful and professional conduct.

This week, teachers across Arizona voted on their next steps, and 78% of teachers voted to support a walkout. Alhambra teachers and staff are planning walk-in's on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week. A "walk-in" is a peaceful gathering in front of the school before teachers' contract time begins to display unity among education professionals and the community. The walk-in's will not impact the instructional day and teachers will provide quality instruction to our students. Then on Wednesday after school, teachers will walk out and not return to school on Thursday. Student safety is our top priority. Because we anticipate a large percentage of staff participating in this walkout, all **Alhambra Elementary School District schools will be closed on Thursday, April 26 for one day**. You will need to find alternative daycare plans for Thursday, April 26. At this time, we anticipate staff will return to work and classes will resume on Friday, April 27.

We will continue providing daily communication with parents by posting information on our web page at www.alhambraesd.org and social media, and using our SchoolMessenger notification system to get information to you. Please make sure that your phone numbers and email address are current in our student information system by calling your school's front office.

Thank you for your continued support of our staff and schools while these statewide actions are under way.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Yslas
Superintendent

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