

April 20, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for being a part of the Washington Elementary School District.

You may be aware that many of our teachers and staff have been participating in statewide efforts to increase awareness for teacher and staff salaries and the need for additional public education funding. This week, there have been statewide discussions among teachers and staff about a possible work stoppage. Last night, organizers from the Arizona Educators United and Arizona Education Association announced that, after taking a vote of educators throughout the state, there will be a walkout on Thursday, April 26.

The WESD's priority is the safety and welfare of our students and limiting disruption to our families. It is the intent of the WESD to keep schools open, provide transportation, and serve both breakfast and lunch, if possible, in the event of a walkout.

If there are not enough staff members to safely supervise our students, we may be forced to close schools. You may want to consider an alternative daycare plan in the event that schools have to close.

As WESD obtains more details about the walkout, we will communicate with you in a timely manner. Please be sure the school office has updated phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Additionally, you will receive the following message to your mobile phone next week to sign up for text messages: *"Washington Elementary School District alerts. Reply Y for aprx 3 msgs/mo. Txt HELP 4 info. Msg&data rates may apply. See schoolmessenger.com/tm."* To receive messages, reply Y.

Information will also be shared on the WESD Web site, <u>www.wesdschools.org</u>, and on social media at <u>www.Facebook.com/WESDschools</u> and Twitter @WESDschools.

WESD will share information and updates as we receive them. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Paul Stanton Superintendent

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