

April 23, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Friday, I shared with you that organizers from the Arizona Educators United and Arizona Education Association announced that, after taking a vote of educators throughout the state, they would walk out on Thursday, April 26. After receiving information from our staff, we do not believe we will have adequate supervision for our students. Therefore, all 32 schools and New Beginnings Academy **will close Thursday**, **April 26, and will remain closed until further notice**. We will monitor the situation daily and communicate any changes accordingly.

If you have not yet begun making alternative plans for child care, I urge you to do so. Here are some important details:

- While all schools will be closed, the WESD intends to provide breakfast and lunch service at all sites. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Transportation will not be provided.
- KidSpace, our before- and after-school child care program, will be suspended.
- Extracurricular student programming (including clubs, activities, performances, celebrations and athletics) will be suspended and may be rescheduled.
- Out-of-state and overnight field trips will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Please look for additional information from your principal or teacher regarding your particular trip. All local single-day trips will be cancelled.

We will continue to share information using our outdial system, the WESD Web site, <u>www.wesdschools.org</u>, and on social media at <u>www.Facebook.com/WESDschools</u> and Twitter @WESDschools. **Please be sure your school office has updated phone numbers and e-mail addresses.**

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