

Talking Points for Use in Public Statements

Please consider giving a public statement requesting the TUSD board to:

- a. Establish a rule that would give the public 60 days to review and comment on any new curriculum BEFORE it is voted on by the Board.
- b. Ensure that all controversial elements that will divide the TUSD community be kept out of any sex education curriculum.

Ask the TUSD board to ensure that all TUSD sex education materials will:

- Be in accordance with the AZ Board of Education rules and regulations (AZ Admin. Code R7-2-303) establishing that all sex education shall promote abstinence as the expected standard for Arizona students.
- Discourage sexual conduct between children of minor age in line with Arizona's age of sexual consent law (ARS 13-1405) that prohibits sexual intercourse or oral genital contact among minors.
- Exclude any curriculum elements that normalize sexual acts or behaviors (heterosexual or homosexual) among children of minor age.
- Respectfully state that the controversial issues that some in the community are demanding be included the curriculum (i.e., gender identity, sexual orientation, masturbation, anal and oral sex, and more) should not be forced on all TUSD children, and that doing so would cause many to have to opt out and miss the important basic sex education that every child can benefit from.
- Remind those who want their children to be taught controversial issues in the schools that they can teach their children regarding such topics in their own home.
- Request the Board adopt a unifying curriculum focused on healthy relationships, good communication, refusal skills, and delaying sexual debut until adulthood that the entire TUSD community can embrace and that all students could benefit from, while allowing families to address the controversial and polarizing issues at home.
- State that the role of schools is to help children learn how to think, not what to think. Schools should not be in the business of forcing controversial, political and unscientific ideologies on children.
- Refer to any of the facts on the [Sex Education Fact Sheet](#) including the facts that less teens, not more, in the U.S. are having sex, and many who have had sex wish they had waited longer.

Note: Parents and concerned citizens of Tucson, please take the time to watch the "War on Children: The Comprehensive Sexuality Education Agenda" film at www.StopCSE.org.