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April 23, 2018

To MUSD Parents/Guardians:

The Arizona Educators United movement and the Arizona Education Association announced last week that educators and staff throughout the state voted 78% to enact a statewide walkout beginning Thursday, April 26. Many Marana educators and staff have joined this movement in solidarity to demand clear, sustainable solutions to Arizona's education crisis.

Based on information we have today, a majority of our school based educators and staff plan to participate in the statewide walkout this Thursday, April 26. **While the last thing we want to do is close our schools, we cannot appropriately supervise students and ensure student safety; therefore, all 18 Marana schools will be CLOSED Thursday, April 26.** At this time, we do not know how long schools will be closed. If a change at the state or local level indicates that we are able to re-open our schools, we will inform you immediately.

Schools will be open and follow their regular school schedule on Tuesday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 25.

Below you will find some immediate things to know. Please refer to the FAQs, attached to this letter, for more detailed information. FAQs are also available on the District Website at www.maranausd.org and will continue to be updated.

- All schools in the District will be closed Thursday, April 26, 2018. This impacts preschool through high school.
- Updates regarding the status of our schools will be posted on the District and on all school Websites. Parents will also receive updates via email, phone call, and social media. Please make sure that your email and telephone number are up to date at your child's school.
- Because we recognize that many students are dependent on our food services, breakfast and lunch meals will be served at various school locations as well as through our [Marana Cares Mobile service](#). We will provide specific information by Wednesday, April 25 regarding which locations and hours food will be available.
- All before and after school programming, student services, student and club activities, and after school extra-curricular activities, including LEAP will be canceled on all campuses.
- Varsity athletics will continue as scheduled if appropriately staffed. Please look for additional information from your principal. All other elementary and high school athletic practices and competitions will be cancelled.
- Out of state and multi-day field trips will continue as scheduled as long as chaperone(s) are available for the trip. Please look for additional information from your principal regarding your particular trip.
- Graduation ceremonies will be held as scheduled. If schools remain closed into next week, more specific information related to timely completion of senior requirements will be communicated in a future update.
- Based on information we have at this time, for each day that school is closed, it will be made up at the end of the current school calendar. Information regarding the school calendar will be communicated in a future update.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Wilson', written over a white background.

Doug Wilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent