

April 9th, 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of Ward Traditional Academy,

Many of you have heard about the '**Red for Ed(ucation)**' movement happening across the country. I would like to share an important event coming up at our school so that you are aware and can discuss it with your child or children if you choose.

First, it's important to understand what the teachers of Arizona are fighting for as this movement is about much more than compensation. Teachers in Arizona are fighting for our children's educational environment. They are fighting for highly qualified teachers, decreased class sizes, 21st century resources, and common classroom materials such as textbooks.

On Wednesday, April 11th our teachers will meet at the flag pole BEFORE SCHOOL wearing red and holding signs to show their unity with this movement. At **7:45am-8:00am**, they will band together to demonstrate support for education in Arizona and 'walk in' to **Ward Traditional Academy**.

Parents and community members are encouraged and welcomed to participate in this optional demonstration.

Your child's day will NOT be impacted. All teachers will be inside the building when the bell rings and the day will proceed like any other.

My goal is to make aware parents and friends of the 'walk in' on April 11th. This is a peaceful demonstration. It is NOT a strike or a walk-out.

I've asked Ward Traditional Academy teachers to be present, if necessary, for questions at our upcoming PTA meeting on April 19th.

Sincerely,

Tina Jones
PTA President