



## #TeamTUSD: The Hart Family

The Hart Family has deep ties to Tucson Unified School District. Margaret and Dwight Hart put all four of their children through Tucson Unified schools, and three of them are now employed by the district. Margaret Hart has been a community representative, coordinator and volunteer at our schools since 1974. Jimmy Hart is the Director of African American Student Services, Chandra Thomas is the principal of Robins K-8 and Gideon Hart is senior payroll processor in Financial Services. The grandchildren in the picture are also Tucson Unified students. To learn more about the Harts, who were featured in our Legacies series, click [here](#). To nominate a group for #TeamTUSD send an email to [media@tusd1.org](mailto:media@tusd1.org).

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Superintendent H.T. Sánchez Newsletter



**We wish our students, staff  
and families happy, peaceful  
holidays**

This is our last week of school for 2016, and as we wrap up finals, assignments, grades and projects, we would like to wish all of our Tucson Unified families a great



## RESOURCES FOR WINTER BREAK MEALS

RECURSOS PARA ALIMENTOS DURANTE LAS VACACIONES DE INVIERNO



### Help for families over the winter break

Many community programs offer resources to provide needed meals during winter break. We have compiled a list of resources who can help our families with hot meals, pantry items and more. Click [here](#) for more information in English and Spanish.



### District gets special visit from education expert

Tucson Unified was honored to have Dr. Fred Jones and Patrick Jones provide classroom management training recently to more than 100 administrators. Dr. Jones is renowned in the education world for his research and work on preventing discipline problems, training children to be responsible and implementing discipline management within a positive and affirming context.

The visit was featured on his website and blog. Here's what the item said: "Fred Sighting!: Thanks to Tucson USD, Fred made a

winter break. We know that holidays can be wonderful, but sometimes difficult, too. If you know families in need, please direct them to the [resources](#) we have gathered (see first article to the left).

We look forward to seeing everyone back to school and work in 2017. Happy New Year!



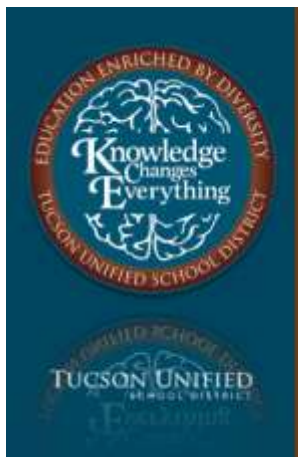
### #TUSDsports: Pueblo Magnet High School

Over the past few weeks, plenty has happened in the world of Pueblo #TUSDsports! Alicia Reyes topped 1,000 career points in girls basketball to add to her state-record 17 three pointers from last year.

Pueblo boys soccer took on Walden Grove, falling 2-1 and boys basketball hosted Cholla in their annual rivalry!

Check out the video for the highlights, and keep up with all the schools sports by clicking [here](#).

post-retirement appearance this month. The rare opportunity to work with over 100 administrators and implement best practices for Tools for Teaching was too much to resist. Patrick and Fred had a great time meeting and working with this energetic group. We are looking forward to implementing our long-term plan and training the entire district over the next five years."



## Get the Facts

Because students of different races and ethnic backgrounds often bring different **cultural knowledge** and social perspectives into schools, classrooms with **racially diverse** groups of students are more likely to enhance critical thinking by exposing students to new information and **understandings**.

Source: Teaching Tolerance, A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center

Learn more about Tucson Unified's Knowledge Changes Everything initiative at [TucsonUnified.org/Knowledge](http://TucsonUnified.org/Knowledge)

## Knowledge Changes Everything initiative

The district has launched a new initiative called Knowledge Changes Everything. Please take a moment to read what scholars have to say about school diversity, hear from a family about why it made a school choice that values a diverse environment and consider how you can help create an educational environment where all children learn and thrive. Find it all [here](#).



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School Community Services

**Enroll Today!**  
Don't miss your chance  
to choose your child's school.



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## Open enrollment for 2017-2018 under way

Tucson Unified School District encourages families to submit open enrollment applications for the 2017-2018 school year. The



## Class of 2020: Check in with Dee at Pueblo Magnet

Tucson Unified School District is following students on a journey through high school that will culminate at their graduation as the Class of 2020.

This project focuses on a diverse group of students who will encounter many new situations during the transition to high school.

Today, we visit again with Dee Quiroz, who has hit the ground running at Pueblo Magnet High School. She is ahead in geometry and algebra, thanks to her trips to Pueblo for math while an eighth grader at Hollinger K-8. Dee also is loving theater! Watch the video above to learn more.

Read more about the project and meet other members of the Class of 2020 [here](#).



## Tucson Festival of Books Young Author/Artist Competition

The Tucson Festival of Books invites young authors and artists to enter a free contest and have the chance to be published and win a \$100 in prize money. Learn more in

deadline for the first lottery is Jan. 13, and it will be conducted in late January.

Application forms are available at the district's School Community Services office, 1010 E. 10th St. in Building B. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Forms can also be found online at [www.tusd1.org/enroll](http://www.tusd1.org/enroll), at school offices and at our Family Resource Centers at Catalina, 3645 E. Pima; Palo Verde, 1302 S. Avenida Vega; Southwest, 6855 S. Mark; and Wakefield, 101 W. 44th St.

Completed enrollment forms and documents can be:

- Turned in to staff on the [Enrollment Bus](#).
- Mailed to [School Community Services](#), P.O. Box 40400, Tucson, AZ 85717.
- Emailed to [SCS@tusd1.org](mailto:SCS@tusd1.org).
- Delivered to the School Community Services office, 1010 E. 10th St., Building B.

Visit [www.tusd1.org/enroll](http://www.tusd1.org/enroll) for more information about the enrollment process and transportation services. For more information, please call 225-6400.

*Info from the office of Karla Soto,  
Chief Financial Officer*

# School Finance NEWS

## Capital funding reductions continue

The last two years have marked the highest Capital funding reductions the Arizona Legislature has imposed on Arizona public school districts. This year the statewide reduction was \$380 million, and \$19.2 million was Tucson Unified's.

This represents an 87 percent reduction to the Capital allocation Tucson Unified should receive as per the state funding formula. These reductions have been in place for eight years during which the district has been cut almost \$117 million dollars.

the video above and [here](#).



## How to sign up for the ParentVUE app

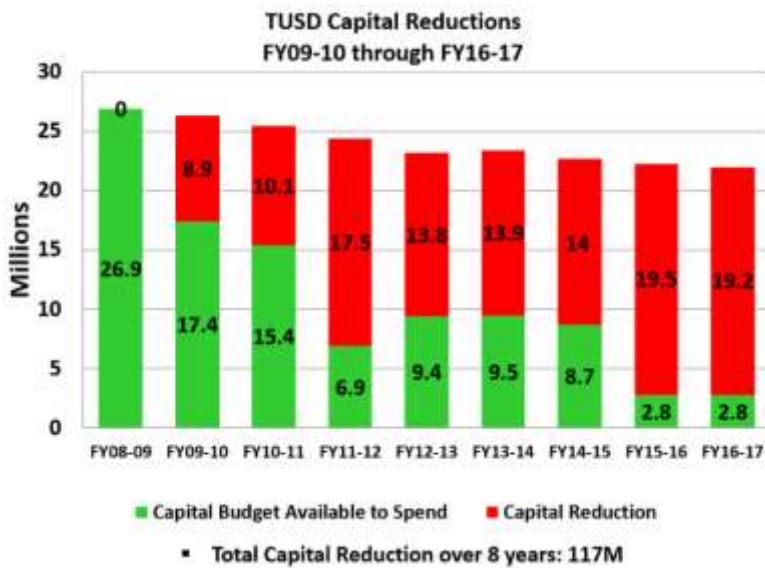
If you are a district parent who hasn't signed up for the ParentVUE app, which gives you access to your children's assignments, grades and other important info, please watch the video above to learn how to set up your account. Students can view a tutorial [here](#).

## School Community Partnership Council meeting to focus on support, information

Parent involvement is a key driver for student success. Parent and community involvement is also vital to the success of a school district. One of the best ways to contribute to the improvement of our schools and the district as a whole is to participate in our [School Community Partnership Council](#) to learn more about student and family support services available at Tucson Unified, and help the district figure out how to spread the word about them.

The next meeting is Jan. 23! Check [here](#) as the date draws near for more information and an agenda.

The council is a volunteer organization including parents, educators and other community members who work in partnership with district leadership and the Governing Board to provide the children of our district with the highest quality education possible. The group meets



## AZ Superintendent unveils K-12 education plan

On November 29, 2016, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas unveiled the 2017 "AZ Kids Can't Wait!" plan, which outlines her top priorities based on feedback gathered from the public. A key component of her plan is a new funding proposal that would provide \$680 million to K-12 education. The proposal includes:

- \$280 million for capital-funding needs;
- \$200 million increase in basic state aid for schools to spend as they see fit (roughly \$180 more per student);
- \$140 million for boosting all teacher salaries by five percent; and
- \$60 million for rural transportation funding and teacher recruitment.

Click [here](#) for Superintendent Douglas's executive summary of her plan. The full plan can be found [here](#).

monthly to hear about important issues affecting the district and to share ideas, concerns and possible solutions.

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10. Meet parents and staff who are passionate about our children's education.

9. Learn about great programs and ideas from other schools in the district.

8. Become informed about District initiatives and processes.

7. Talk one-on-one with a Governing Board member.

6. Help put your ideas into action. Gather best practices from parents, teachers, and administrators.

5. Make connections with District administration about topics of importance to you.

4. Get inspiration from others.

3. You can bring a friend. All parents and TUSD community members are welcome.

2. Participate in a safe and welcoming environment for discussion.

1. Your voice will be heard!

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