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Tucson Unified School District Governing Board
Attention: President Dr. Mark Stegeman, TUSD Governing Board Members
1010 East 10th Street
Tucson, AZ, 85719

April 27, 2011

Re: Resolution Presented by TUSD Board President Dr. Mark Stegeman on Making
MAS Classes Electives

Dear President Dr. Stegeman and Governing Board Members,

Last night's protest at the Tucson Unified School District's scheduled meeting makes plain that there is considerable resentment to the resolution that was to have been voted upon calling for the Mexican American Studies program to be made an elective.

We feel that it would be disastrous to rush to such a decision without adequate input from the public. Moreover we respectfully request that such a vote be delayed until after the current audit by John Huppenthal's office is complete, and until after our motion for summary judgement on HB 2281 has been ruled upon.

We believe that a vote on making the program an elective makes no sense whatsoever, especially now in the wake of this demonstration of support for MAS from the community it serves. We hope that the school board will take those emotions expressed last night into account and that a slower, more deliberate process will prevail in this important decision.

Sincerely,

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