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## ONE DAY IS NOT ENOUGH TEMPE UNION! RALLY TO KEEP OUR KIDS IN SCHOOL

**TEMPE, AZ** — In response to the question of how best to educate the students of the Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) and observe precautions relative to COVID-19, Superintendent Kevin Mendivil presented his “Return To School” plan to the Governing Board on June 17. Dr. Mendivil proposed only 2 options for students: online only or a flex model of ONE day in-person and 3 days of online learning per week. The prospect of such limited instructional opportunities for students in the TUHSD, following months of lost instruction time, created extreme concern among community members leading to the organization of a community group to speak for the needs of students.

The group known as Keep Our Kids in School, started with a Facebook group that grew to hundreds within 24 hours. Pointing out that the model suggested by Superintendent Mendivil would provide less than 40 days on campus for the school year, parents are demanding more. Parents and community members who recognize great potential for an inadequate learning experience are taking their concerns directly to the district governing board.

On Wednesday, June 24 at 4 PM the TUHSD will hold a governing board study session at the district office located at 500 W. Guadalupe Road, Tempe. Prior to the board meeting, parents and community members are gathering to express our desire for a safe, complete, quality educational experience that our tax dollars pay for and our children deserve. The rally will start at 3:30. Please wear a mask and be observant of social distancing if attending.

The decision on what educational opportunity and delivery of learning will look like in the coming school year will likely be made at the TUHSD Board Meeting to be held on July 1. It is important that the needs of our students be understood, and parents assured that learning is a priority as reflected in that decision.

**About Keep Our Kids in School**, we are a grassroots organization of concerned parents and residents concerned with the limited educational options being offered to students of the Tempe Union High School District.