



April 20, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There has been a great deal of media coverage and social media activity concerning the Arizona Educators United #RedforEd initiative. This initiative began with activities geared towards bringing attention to the issue of inadequate funding of public education in Arizona.

Many Crane Elementary School District employees and community members have lent their voices to this cause. Recently, you may have seen groups of staff assembling on public sidewalks near our schools before the school day began. These walk-in gatherings have been before school and did not have an impact on the operations of the regular school day.

We want to commend our staff members for the professional way they have handled themselves and for the respect they have shown our students and families. The before school activities have provided our staff with an avenue to express themselves about the impact of the school funding issues in Arizona.

Last night, organizers for the Arizona Educators United announced that on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, of next week, more of these walk-ins will occur, and we should expect to see a walk-out beginning that following Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. By Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the end of business day, we will notify you in the event your child's school is impacted.

Should a teacher walk-out occur on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Crane Schools will make every effort to avoid a school closure. However, to ensure the safety of our students it may be necessary for the District to shut down all school operations. We ask that you consider an alternative plan for your child in the event that our schools are forced to close. It is unknown how long the work stoppage may last, or which school(s) may be impacted. However, I have requested that our staff members provide as much notice as possible, so we are able to adequately plan for and notify you of any closures.

If we are unable to hold school, we will use all modes of communication to alert families to the closures including our parent alert system, emails, phone calls, district ([www.craneschools.org](http://www.craneschools.org)) and school websites, and social media (follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/craneschools> and <https://twitter.com/craneschools>). Please also take this time to contact the school office to update any changes made to your contact information.

Please visit [www.craneschools.org/faqs.aspx](http://www.craneschools.org/faqs.aspx), which will be updated periodically, to review some frequently asked questions regarding this movement and the possible impact to your child.

Educationally yours,

Laurie Doering  
Superintendent