



The Board of Directors of CITY Center for Collaborative adopted the following resolution on Thursday, April 12, 2018. CITY Center for Collaborative Learning is an Arizona nonprofit and the charter holder for three public charter schools: Paulo Freire Freedom School-Downtown, Paulo Freire Freedom School-University, and City High School.

Board Resolution Supporting Educators' Demands for Increased Funding

Whereas the CITY Center for Collaborative Learning Board of Directors recognizes that the funding for schools in Arizona is a billion dollars below 2008 levels;

Whereas the CITY Center for Collaborative Learning Board of Directors is witness to the consequences of this chronic underfunding and sees the negative impact to teachers, staff, students, families, our community and our state;

Whereas the CITY Center for Collaborative Learning Board of Directors has supported and worked for solutions to fund teacher and support professionals pay raises and other educational needs, only to see the Arizona Legislature fail to stop enacting tax cuts that run counter to our efforts;

Whereas our educators are dedicated and skilled professionals who work incredibly hard and have endured substandard pay levels;

Whereas on behalf of our students and families, we cannot allow this crisis to continue without a realistic plan to address these issues, we support our school employees as they make their demands known for a meaningful pay raise for teachers and support staff and for increased education funding; and

Whereas we are confident our community, including parents, families, caregivers, business leaders, support professionals, school district administrators, neighbors, and friends, will support our educators as they participate in #RedforED advocating for what they need to educate our children and secure the future of Arizona;

Therefore, be it resolved that the CITY Center for Collaborative Learning Board of Directors is in full support of our educators and stands ready to take steps necessary to improve salaries and working conditions for our school employees.

The CITY Center for Collaborative Learning Board of Directors urges the Arizona State Legislature to work urgently on behalf of the children and families in our State to take swift and meaningful action to develop a viable plan to pay teachers and support professionals the professional salaries they deserve.

The language of the resolution was adapted from similar resolutions adopted recently by district boards throughout Arizona, such as the Phoenix Union High School District Governing Board.