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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Tucson Unified School District,

I am very excited to share with you that TUSD is opening Wakefield Middle School as a new school in operation for School Year 20-21! Go Knights! opening of Wakefield Middle School as a no-boundary, no-neighborhood school will include some incredible changes that highlight many of the wonderful things occurring throughout Middle Schools across TUSD!

For Wakefield, be ready to have Master Teachers in the classroom! That's right, our aim is to ensure high quality educators who not only have deep subject knowledge, but who have the ability to instruct in engaging, meaningful, and exciting ways. In addition, a strong partnership with the University of Arizona will bring student teachers to Wakefield. These UofA Wildcats will work under the leadership of the classroom Master Teacher, who will guide, mentor, and coach these teachers in training! It's this partnership that makes Wakefield Middle School an incredible Laboratory for instructional innovation, creativity, and learning!

Additionally, students and families at the new Wakefield Middle School can expect a very rigorous curriculum, filled with deep, complex learning opportunities that are not only challenging, but fun! Families should anticipate homework, projects, and a 21st century experience that engages learners in the 5 Cs of a school experience – collaboration, communication, creativity, critical analysis, and computational thinking.

Finally, the new Wakefield Middle School will have many community partnerships to support the entire student experience. One such partnership will be with Higher Ground, a Resource Center, who actually will be housed on the Wakefield Campus. Higher Ground will provide after school programming that emphasizes a student's ability to Reach, Transform, and Elevate their community. After school programming will include activities such as tutoring, robotics, ju-jitsu, and art.

Enrollment at the Wakefield Middle School will be based on a lottery system, and for School Year 20-21 will only be for 6th grade. 7th grade will be available in School Year 21-22, and all three grades will be available for School Year 22-23. For more information, please call the Tucson Unified School District Department of School Community Services at 520-225-6400. We can't wait to see you this August!

Very Warm Regards,

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Opening Principal