

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED DESEGREGATION/UNITARY STATUS PLAN
AND PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT**

A proposed Unitary Status Plan (Plan) to provide equal educational opportunities to African American and Latino students in Tucson is available for public review and comment until November 28, 2012.

A Unitary Status Plan is being proposed to bring an end in the coming years to the longstanding school desegregation case, *Fisher, et al., Mendoza, et al. v. TUSD*, CV 74-90 TUC DCB. The Fisher Plaintiffs, representing African American students; the Mendoza Plaintiffs, representing Latino students; the United States Department of Justice and the Tucson Unified School District – together with the Special Master appointed by the Court – have drafted a proposed Unitary Status Plan to provide equal educational opportunities to African American and Latino students in the following areas:

- Student Assignment
- Transportation
- Administrators and Certificated Staff
- Quality of Education
- Discipline
- Family and Community Engagement
- Facilities and Technology
- Extracurricular Activities
- Accountability and Transparency

GETTING ACCESS TO THE PLAN

The Unitary Status Plan is available in English and in Spanish in the following places:

- (1) The Unitary Status Plan website* at www.TucsonUSP.com (for download or to read online);
- (2) The main office of every TUSD school (in hard copy);
- (3) Public Forums (in hard copy);
- (4) The website of the Federal Court at www.azd.uscourts.gov (see “Cases of Interest” link)

The proposed Plan includes objections from the Parties, which appear as comments in the margins.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS AND INPUT

You can submit comments and input on the proposed Unitary Status Plan in five ways:

- (1) Speak at a Public Forum (see schedule below);
- (2) Submit comments to the Unitary Status Plan website at www.TucsonUSP.com;
- (3) Send an email with your comments to comments@TucsonUSP.com;
- (4) Fill out a comment form at any TUSD school, at a Public Forum, or on the Unitary Plan Website;
- (5) Submit your comments by mail to: USP Comments, P.O. Box 41358, Tucson, AZ 85717-1358.

Comments made by email, mail, and at school sites will be sent directly to the Special Master and anonymity will be ensured. Public comments must be received by November 28, 2012.

PUBLIC FORUMS

Three Public Forums will be held for everyone – students, parents, district and school staff and administration, and community members – to provide input on the Unitary Status Plan. Spanish interpretation services will be available.

The Public Forums will take place from **6:00 PM-8:30 PM**. Doors will open at 5:30 PM.

Monday, November 26 Tucson High Magnet School 400 North 2nd Avenue Tucson, AZ 85705	Tuesday, November 27 El Pueblo Regional Center 101 W. Irvington Rd. Tucson, AZ 85714	Wednesday, November 28 Palo Verde High School 1302 S. Avenida Vega Tucson, AZ 86710
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* Website will be available on Friday, November 9, but may not load in some servers until Monday, November 12.