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Statewide news:

Chandler Unified School District cuts sex education for grades 5-6.



The Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) [axed its programs offering medically-accurate, age-appropriate sex education classes for grades 5 and 6](#), replacing them with take-home videos intended for children to watch with their parents.

Jessica Edgar, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, says the decision comes as a result of the district "listening to their community." However, the administration cites no formal polling as the basis for their decision. In fact, Edgar even acknowledges the popularity of the sex ed program by admitting that 90% of parents in the district have historically opted their children into it.

Edgar also conceded some students won't get the sex education at home that they were receiving at school.

The decision follows several episodes of anti-sex education hysteria partly fueled by right wing legislators who [claim that state Superintendent Kathy Hoffman is trying to "sexualize" children](#).

[Anti-sex education legislation \(as well nationalistic and anti-climate science legislation\)](#) was also introduced this week for the 2020 legislative session by House Education Committee Vice-Chairman John

Fillmore (R-Apache Junction).

We will keep you posted if action should be become necessary on any of these issues.

Events:



Our biggest day of organizing is happening in two weeks.

Supporters from around Arizona are coming to our annual **Secular Summit** to learn, network, organize, and more. Will you be one of them?

State Senator Juan Mendez (D-Tempe) (above) has just been announced as a special guest speaker. Senator Mendez is one of the secular community's staunchest supporters in the Legislature and has been instrumental in some of our most significant legislative efforts in recent years. He'll be sure to give us several important political insights at the Summit as we look ahead to 2020.

This is a members-only event; tickets are just \$15, or you can support Secular AZ by being a host, super host, or an event sponsor.

(Not a member yet? It just takes a minute to [become one!](#))

Please join us on Saturday, December 7th at the Humanist Center of

Greater Phoenix in Mesa.

Click [here](#) for tickets and more information.

National news:

[Kansas City bans conversion therapy for LGBTQ minors, the 2nd Missouri city to do so](#)

[Americans Have Positive Views About Religion's Role in Society, but Want It Out of Politics](#)

[This Ohio Bill Gives Students Religious Exemptions for Facts](#)

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