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MEDIA ADVISORY:

STAND FOR CHILDREN ARIZONA CALLS FOR EDUCATION CHAMPIONS TO JOIN US AT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TO DEFEND DUAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION FROM BASELESS ATTACKS BY TOM HORNE

Where: Arizona State Board of Education Regular Board Meeting
1700 W Washington St, Executive Tower
3rd Floor Boardroom
Phoenix, AZ 85007

When: Monday 06/26/2023 09:00 AM

Who: Stand for Children Arizona and education champions including a public-school parent and teacher and her son, an ELL student currently enrolled in a dual language program as well as Cristina Ladas from the Arizona Dual Language Immersion Network among others speaking in support.

(PHOENIX, AZ) – Stand for Children Arizona is taking a firm stand against the unwarranted attacks on dual language programs by State Superintendent Tom Horne. We believe in the proven benefits of these programs to teach English to English Language Learners and strongly condemn Horne's illegal attempt to eliminate this valuable educational model.

This week, Superintendent Tom Horne issued a statement claiming dual language or "50-50" language programs could be breaking the law. The Arizona Department of Education then announced they were removing this model as an approved language model for English Language Learner (ELL) students. Both statements are untrue, disregard the actual law and ignore the legal authority of the State Board of Education.

We see this as another instance of Horne's corruption, deliberately ignoring the law and coordinating with special interest groups, lying to the public, and putting political expediency above the truth and above what is best for kids.

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