I am a classified employee for the Phoenix-Talent School District No. 4. I work in the district office and have done so for almost 8 years. All but 2 of us are year round employees who receive vacations and also improved benefits. Being a single mother, only being paid for 10 months is very difficult to live on. I have had to take odd jobs during the summer to meet the needs of my family. This leave my son home alone and we are unable to do any family activities because of my ever changing work schedules. I have always thought it was unfair that we are discriminated against in this area. Every other employer has paid the unemployment when there is a layoff. Why not us?

Because of the inability to comfortabley provide for my family, I am in the process of seeking employment elsewhere, with better benefits and pay. I don't want to do this. I like working for the school district. The people are great and my job is enjoyable. It is just hard to make it on a 10 month pay period.

I hope this will assist in changing the current law. Look forward to the decision.

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