

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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TUCSON UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHO WE ARE

- Established in 2002. Functions as a bi-partisan team actively engaging on behalf of clients at the state and local levels of government.
- The Triadvocates team has first-hand knowledge and experience with all aspects of navigating government.
- At all times endeavor to conduct ourselves consistent with our values; Quality, Integrity, Stewardship, Teamwork

**EXPERIENCE.
INTEGRITY.
RESULTS.**



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TRIADVOCATES[®] LLC
NAVIGATING GOVERNMENT

AGENDA

- 2017 Legislative Review
- 2018 Legislative Update
- 2018 TUSD Legislative Agenda
- 2019 Executive Budget Proposal
- 2018 ED Policy Topics Forecast

A photograph of the Statue of Liberty on top of a copper dome, set against a clear blue sky. The statue is white and has its wings spread, holding a torch in its right hand and a laurel wreath in its left. The dome below is made of copper panels.

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Days of Session: 122

Bills Introduced	1079	777 Rep – 302 Dem
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Bills Passed	353	347 Rep – 6 Dem
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Bills Signed	342	337 Rep – 5 Dem
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Bills Vetoed	11	10 Rep – 1 Dem
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Bills Dead	726	430 Rep – 296 Dem
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K-12 Education Bills

Bills Introduced in Title 15	153
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Bills Signed in Title 15	40
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2018 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A white statue of a winged figure, likely representing the Spirit of the Law, stands atop a copper dome. The figure has one arm raised and holds a wreath in the other. The background is a clear blue sky.

2018 LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

- Convened January 8th
- Weekly legislative hearings
- Friday conference call with Superintendent Trujillo
- Weekly legislative report
- Monthly Top of Mind Newsletter
- End of Session Legislative Report
- End of Session Presentation to the Board

Approximately 100 days



2018 TUSD APPROVED POLICY AGENDA

- Advocate to renew, expand and improve Prop. 301
- Repeal ESAs and STOs to prevent further expansion
- Advocate for a revised research based ELL model
- Provide additional state funding for nationally competitive salaries to attract, recruit, and retain talented teachers
- Require comparative auditor general reports for districts & charter schools
- Eliminate the change to current year funding advocate to hold declining districts harmless for loss of funding & ensure funding accuracy and transparency in ADM calculations
- Establish financial and academic transparency for institutions that accept public funds

**Approved by the Board on May 9, 2017*

2018 TUSD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Based on Governing Board guidance, TUSD staff and TRIDVOCATES will collaborate to respond to proposals and work to protect or advance your policy goals.

Different policy issues will require different levels of legislative engagement:

- Support
- Oppose
- Actively monitor for and communicate impact



FY 2019 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

[FY2019 Governor's \\$10.1 Billion Budget Proposal](#) – January 12, 2018

The Executive Budget Proposal invests \$284 million in K-12 education in addition to the \$116 million in inflation and enrollment growth funding. Resulting in a total of \$400 million for public schools in FY 2019 including a commitment to phase in over five years a full restoration of \$371 million in Additional Assistance (AA).



FY 2019 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

CAPITAL FUNDING PROPOSAL

- ❑ \$100M in FY19 as part of a 5-year restoration of AA with an incremental growth of \$68M each year:
 - \$100M in FY 2019
 - \$168M in FY 2020
 - \$236M in FY 2021
 - \$303M in FY 2022
 - \$371M in FY 2023
- ❑ \$5.1M for SFB new school construction to generate \$88M in bonding for new school construction
- ❑ \$35.2M for building renewal grants



FY 2019 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

ADDITIONAL K-12 SPENDING

- ❑ \$34M for the 2nd 1.06% teacher salary increase
- ❑ \$4M to continue expanding early literacy funding
- ❑ \$2.5M for the K-12 Computer Science Pilot Program
- ❑ \$2M to fully fund large JTEDs
- ❑ \$5.3M AELAS IT Project
- ❑ \$1.1M Arizona Academic Standards Requirement
- ❑ \$1M Mandated Statewide Assessment
- ❑ \$0.2M for SFB Additional Staff



2018 POLICY TOPICS – K-12 EDUCATION

SCHOOL FINANCE

- Transportation Funding
- Gifted Education

SCHOOL CHOICE

- Empowerment Scholarship Account Referendum*
 - Lawsuit, Repeal, Repeal & Replace
- Charter School Accountability Reforms*
- School Tuition Organizations Cap*

ACCOUNTABILITY

- A-F School Letter grades v. Dashboard Model
- Menu of Assessment – 9-12 v. K-8 (e.g. ACT)

SCHOOL OPERATIONS

- English Language Learners*
- Principal & Teacher Evaluations
- Unfunded Mandates

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DISCUSSION



Thank You

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