



Legislative UPDATE

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Agenda:

- Method of Approach
- Key Deliverables
- Current Session Issues
- Future Work
- Q&A





Eyes, Ears, Voices

The Triadvocates team provides on-the-ground and strategic assistance to support TUSD legislative priorities...

Weekly updates on key issues

Communicating TUSD accomplishments and needs

Identifying Partners and Champions

Representing Tucson's Unique Voice



Deliverables

Advocated positions on desegregation funding limits; Empowerment scholarships; JTED 9th Grade Funding; Community Schools Pilot Program; ADE Information Technology Funding; and others

Organized multi-district support for “Equity Funding Proposal” to Classrooms First Task Force

Organized coalition of Deseg Districts against SB 1274; Desegregation; Phase-Out

TUSD Senators



Sen. Andrea Dalessandro (D)
LD2



Sen. Olivia Cajero-Bedford (D)
LD3



Sen. Steve Farley (D)
Assistant Minority Leader, LD9



Sen. David Bradley
LD10

TUSD Representatives



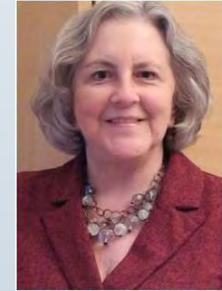
Rep. Rosana Gabaldón (D)
LD2



Rep. Daniel Hernandez (D)
LD2



Dr. Randy Friese (D)
Minority Assistant Leader, LD9



Rep. Pamela Powers-Hannley (D)
LD9



Rep. Sally Gonzales (D)
LD3



Rep. Macario Saldade (D)
LD3



Rep. Kirsten Engel (D)
LD10



Rep. Todd Clodfelter (R)
LD10

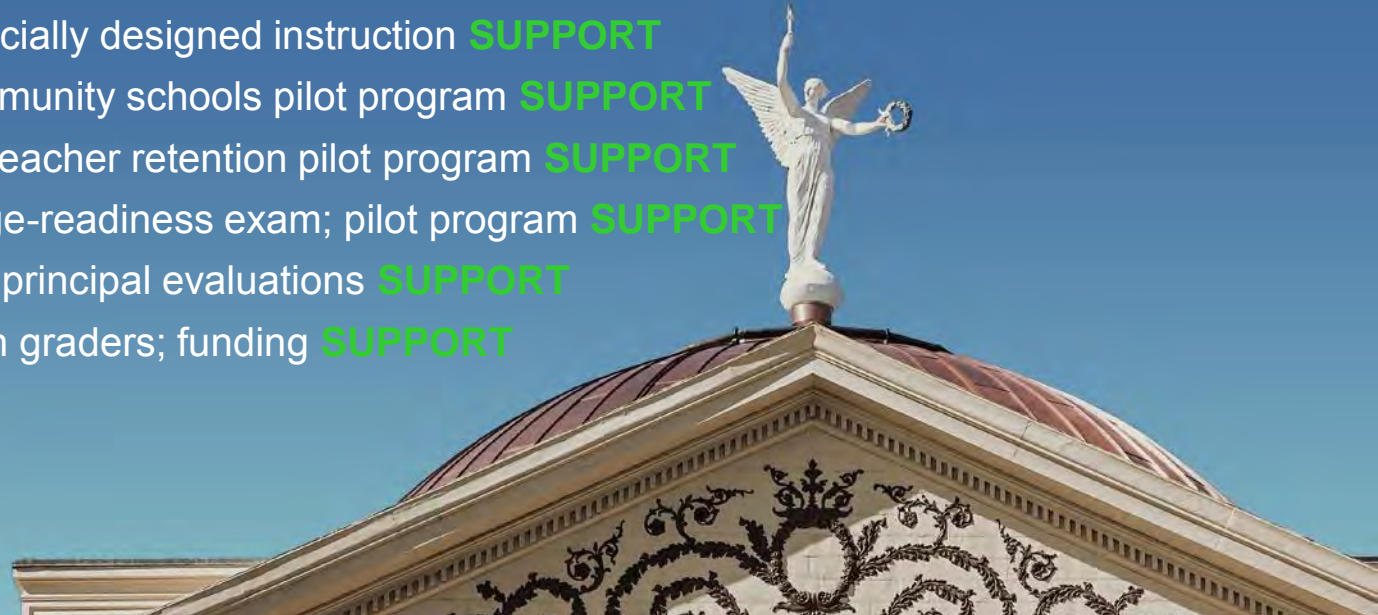
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

CURRENT STATUS



TUSD Official Positions

- SB1174 schools; desegregation expenses; special override **AGAINST**
- SB1431 / HB2394 empowerment scholarships; expansion; phase-in **AGAINST** → Signed
- SB1281 / HB2465 empowerment scholarship accounts revisions **AGAINST**
- SB1317 schools; specially designed instruction **SUPPORT**
- SB1261 Arizona community schools pilot program **SUPPORT**
- HB2147 experience teacher retention pilot program **SUPPORT**
- HB2210 NOW: college-readiness exam; pilot program **SUPPORT**
- HB2377 teacher and principal evaluations **SUPPORT**
- HB2432 JTEDs; ninth graders; funding **SUPPORT**

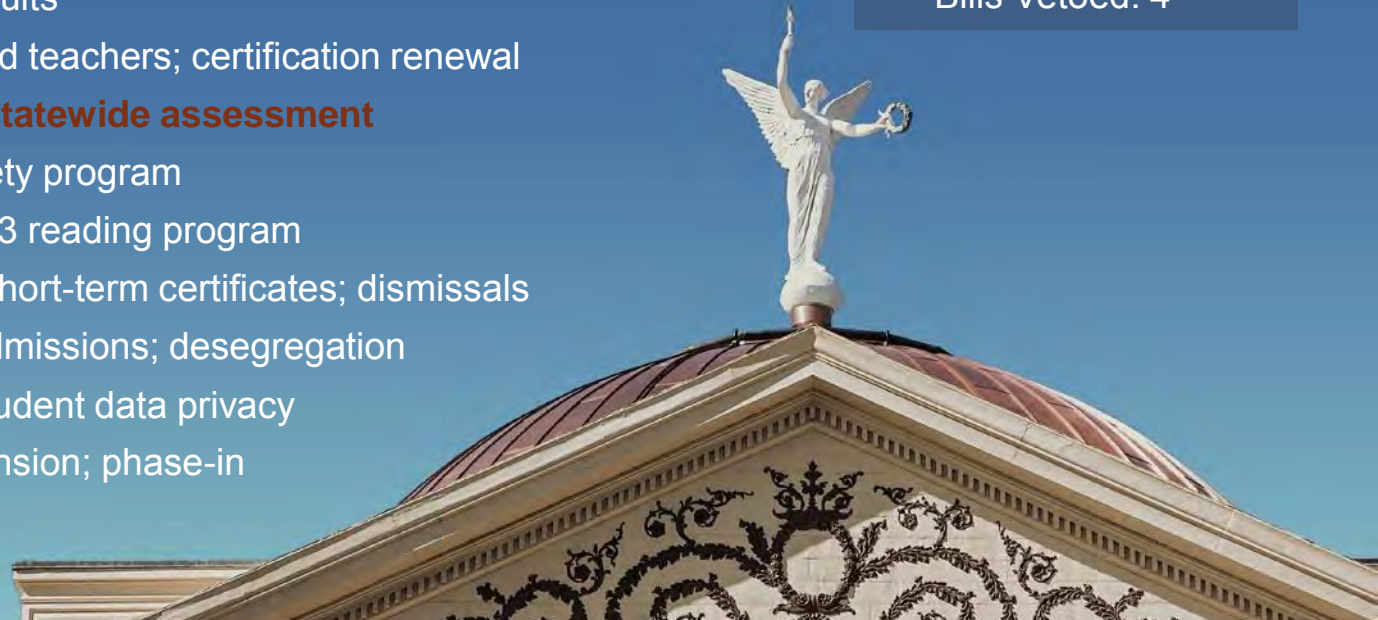


K-12 Education Bills Signed

- HB2078 schools; concurrent enrollment
- HB2107 schools; nonresident pupils; military duty
- HB2163 schools; certification; discipline reciprocity
- HB2208 inhalers; administration; schools; authorized entities
- HB2248 JTEDS; Adults
- SB1057 experienced teachers; certification renewal
- **SB1098 schools; statewide assessment**
- SB1099 school safety program
- SB1131 schools; K-3 reading program
- SB1206 teachers; short-term certificates; dismissals
- SB1254 schools; admissions; desegregation
- SB1314 schools; student data privacy
- SB1431 ESA; expansion; phase-in

As of April 21, 2017

- 103 days of session
- **1057 bills introduced**
- 100 Resolutions & Memorandums
- **Bills Signed: 175**
- Bills Vetoed: 4



2017 LEGISLATIVE TRENDS

Highlights:

- Teacher Pay
- Teacher Certification
- Additional Reporting Requirements
- School Choice

Lowlights

- No significant school finance reform



EXECUTIVE BUDGET REQUEST → \$9.8B

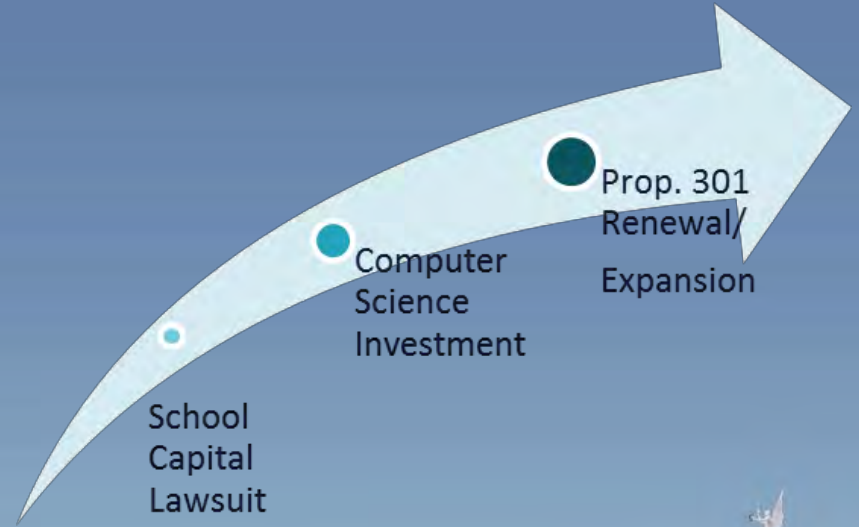
Education Highlights:

- \$114M in K-12 education in targeted investments
 - \$13.6M in Teacher Salary Increase
 - \$10M for Kindergarten and Early Literacy
 - \$6.4M for New Teacher Bonuses in Low Income Schools
 - \$37.6M Results-Based Funding
 - \$5M AZ Broadband for ED Initiative
 - \$17.2M for Schools Facilities Board
 - \$1.1M K-12 Academic Standards
 - \$1M JTED completion grants
 - \$300K School Leadership Training
 - \$200K Computer Science Initiative
- \$36.8M University Capital Investment Program



FUTURE WORK

- A-F Accountability System
- Performance Funding
- Statewide Menu of Assessment
- Special Ed Cost Assessment
- School Finance / Equity Funding
- Computer Science
- Community Schools
- Education Progress Meter



EQUITY FUNDING PROPOSAL

Coalition proposal to Classrooms First; proposal for school funding formula to address key areas of funding need in k-12:

- English Language Learners
- Children in Poverty
- Special Needs

The Equity Funding Proposal's main objective is to:

- Recognize the diversity that exists in Arizona through a revised, equity-based funding formula
- Increase the existing B-weights for English Language Learners in Arizona
- Add a poverty weight to the existing formula for school districts that experience poverty as a barrier to student success.





a-f accountability SYSTEM

- On August 1 , the A-F School Accountability Ad Hoc Advisory Committee was formed to develop policy recommendations on the A-F Accountability System.
- The Committee is reviewing different models to include, proficiency, growth, acceleration measures, and college and career readiness indicators as part of the new comprehensive accountability system.
- The State Board of Education (SBE) hold town halls and took public comments on their A-F Proposed Model Indicators.
- The SBE is expected to vote on the new A-F Accountability System on April 24, 2017.

Education Progress Meter

“**Expect More Arizona** and the **Center for the Future of Arizona** collaborated to create the Arizona Education Progress Meter, which elevates a set of widely accepted education indicators by which Arizonans can measure our **state’s progress in education in Arizona from early childhood education through college and career.**”

Governor’s Office of Education

Post-
secondary
Education

College
Going

Opportunity
Youth

High
School
Graduation

8th Grade
Math

3rd Grade
Reading

Preschool
Enrollment

Teacher
Pay



QUESTIONS



THANK YOU!

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