

Successful M&O Override Vote

Based upon unofficial results it looks as though the Wickenburg Unified School District (WUSD) M&O Override passed by a margin of 54% - 46%. I do expect minor changes to this count, but not too much at this stage. Once I have official results and a break down by precinct I will make an effort to update the community on the final results.

Going into this election we knew that the Festival precinct, down in the southern portion of the District, had gained approximately 400 new voters and the Wickenburg precinct had lost 200 voters since the 2009 vote. Understanding the challenges of this shift in the voting base the override committee worked in two separate groups, one in Wickenburg and one down in the Festival area. The groups planned many of their activities together and the entire process was deftly managed by Carolyn McDonald from Wickenburg. We are most grateful for her leadership and support and that of the entire committee of volunteers.

Again, I will provide additional information once it becomes available, but I want to use this opportunity to thank the community for your support of the Wickenburg Unified School District, its students, staff and administration. We are richly and wonderfully blessed to be in a community which values its students and the fact that this M&O Override passed means that we will not be subject to additional budget cuts which have been devastating over the past few years.

We can now continue the important work of educating the community's children and focus on taking each and every one of them to the next academic level. There are many challenges before us as we deal with the ever changing educational landscape, but with the support of our parents and the community I believe we are up to the task.