

Impact of Governor's Budget on WUSD

I thought I would take a moment to provide a quick update regarding the legislative session and how it will impact the Wickenburg Unified School District if Governor Ducey's proposed budget is approved by the legislature. I know that there has been a lot of media attention surrounding this issue and wanted to make sure everyone understands the local impact.

The Governor seeks to cut approximately \$169,000 from WUSD in capital funding. If his budget is approved, it means WUSD will have lost 70% of its capital funding since 2009 (**this is not a typo – 70%**). Capital dollars are used to repair buildings and equipment (a/c, roofs...etc.), pay for bus maintenance and repairs, fund technology purchases/repairs and provide software systems (i.e. PowerSchool) among other student needs. We are no different from other Arizona school districts, but this issue has risen to become a health and safety issue for our children and I feel compelled to inform you of that fact.

Today I ask that you contact our legislators (and the Governor) to inform them how the Governor's budget will impact our local schools and to express your individual feelings regarding this issue. Below is the email contact information for our legislators in both Maricopa and Yavapai Counties. I have also listed the web link to the latest state Auditor General's report on the district so that you can see that we are very prudent in the expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

http://www.azauditor.gov/Reports/School_Districts/Districts/Wickenburg_USD/2014/Wickenburg_USD.pdf

I appreciate your assistance and welcome any questions which you might have regarding the current legislative session.

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