

St. David Unified School District

Where Student Are Our Primary Focus

District Override Facts

➤ Basic Facts

- The original override vote occurred in March 2004 with 53% approval at a cost of \$122 per \$100,000 of assessed property value
- The follow-up override vote occurred in November 2008 with 60% approval at a cost of \$86 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (a reduction in taxes of \$36/\$100,000).
- The law requires that the District call for an election every 5 years to seek approval from the voters to continue the budget override. The voters will be presented with the question on November 05, 2013.
- Proposed rate for the 2013 budget override election is approximately \$0.72 per \$100 of secondary assessed value. (ex \$100,000 Full Cash value as a secondary assessed value of \$10,000. Rate would equal \$72.00/\$100,000 which is a reduction in taxes of \$14/\$100,000)

➤ The following areas are affected by the override funds:

- Maintain employee salaries at a level to retain highly qualified staff and maintain a competitive salary with the other district in the county.
 - Without these funds, ALL staff would take a reduction in salary and benefits.
 - St. David still has one of the lowest salary schedules in Cochise County
 - Cochise County has one of the lowest salary rates in the state
- Maintain a small or appropriate class sizes.
 - Due to state budget reductions to education, many districts in the state have begun to place 28-32 students in a classroom.
 - St. David student to teacher ratio is 18:1
- After-school tutoring programs for elementary students
 - The after-school reading program has increased enrollment over the past three years
 - The costs for this program are offset by Title I funds
- Summer school
 - Remedial Reading for Grades 1-3
 - Combination of enrichment and remediation for Grades 4-6
 - Remedial math for Middle School
 - Credit recovery and accelerated credits for high school
- Community Weight Room
 - Open 5:30 – 7:30 pm Monday- Thursday during school year
 - Open 6:00 – 8:00 am and 5:30-7:30 PM during summer
- The override bond is due for re-authorization by public vote in November 2013