

Special Election - Override



What is an Override?

- **Local control** held by the voters and school board
- Allows voters to direct additional monies to support local school systems (A.R.S. 15-481)
- Supplements the state formula that sets funding levels per student
- Funded through local property tax
- Queen Creek is requesting a 15% override

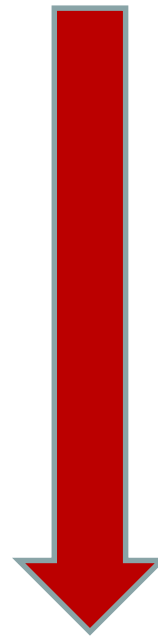


Why is an Override Important?

- *Arizona ranks last in the country for state funding per student*
- *Arizona ranks 48th in the country for per pupil spending*
- *Quality teachers are critical to student learning and success*
- *Queen Creek average teacher salary is \$3,600 less than our peer districts*
- *We currently have 260 teachers, of which x resigned last year for other opportunities*

Funding Per Student

Fiscal Year	Per Student
2007-08	\$ 8,011
2008-09	\$ 7,679
2009-10	\$ 7,058
2010-11	\$ 6,230
2011-12	\$ 6,304
2012-13	\$ 6,232
2013-14	\$ 6,218
2014-15	\$ 5,952
2015-16	\$ 5,941



In 2016,
QCUSD
per student
funding
was
\$2,070 less
than in
2008.



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How will the Override be used?

- Increase academic programs that prepare students for postsecondary education and workforce success
- Increase art and music classes throughout the District
- Increase school security to maintain a safe and secure learning environment

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How will the Override be used?

- Reduce class size at the K-8 level
- Increase salaries to retain and attract exceptional teachers and staff
- Expand and enhance athletic, ROTC, and gifted programs

Example Budget of Override

Expenditures

Description	Budget
15% Override	\$ 4,265,000
3.5% Salary Increase	\$ (875,420)
1.5% Salary Increase	\$ (375,489)
Reduce Maximum Class Cap by 3 K-8	\$ (850,000)
Expand Gifted Opportunities	\$ (70,000)
AVID Expansion	\$ (160,000)
5% Salary Increase (total of 10%)	\$ (1,250,909)
Art and Music at K-12 level	\$ (250,000)
Vocational Offering	\$ (100,000)
Increase ROTC and Government Opportunities	\$ (10,000)
Expand Athletics and Enrichment Programs	\$ (100,000)
K-5 Reading and Math	\$ (200,000)
Miscellaneous	\$ (23,182)
Total Remaining	\$ 0



How will passing the override affect taxpayers?

If approved, the owner of an average home located in Queen Creek School District (Mesa, Chandler, Gilbert & Queen Creek) will see an estimated additional \$20 monthly in their tax bill.

Is an Override different than a Bond?

YES!

Overrides:

- ✓ Academic programs
- ✓ Extra-curricular programs
- ✓ Staff

Bonds:

- ✓ Buildings
- ✓ Buses
- ✓ Technology

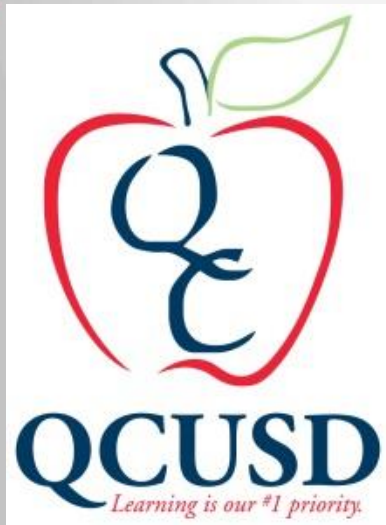


Review of the facts...

- The state legislature sets the funding per student by formula. The only way to exceed that formula is with a voter-approved override.
- Overrides can supplement that amount by up to 15%.
- Overrides are a form of **local control**.
 - We raise the funds and determine how they are used.
- Override funding is used for **teachers, security, programs and quality staff**.



Study the issue,
make up your mind,
and **vote** on
November 4!



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