



2018 Bond and Override

Final Discussion

June 12, 2018

Review

- ❖ Sept. 5, 2017 – Reviewed current capital funding and need for bond and/or capital override.
- ❖ Sept. 25, 2017 – Further discussed need for bond and/or capital override.
- ❖ Oct. 24, 2017 – Presented current bond expenditure update.
- ❖ February 2018 – Held six community meetings, presenting the idea of a bond and M&O override.
- ❖ March 2018 – Held two advisory committee meetings (assisted by Arizona Town Hall).
- ❖ May 2018 – Conducted poll to determine support for \$300M bond and 15% override.

Advisory Committee

Final bond recommendations

- ❖ Three priorities – building renovations/repair/replacement, technology and transportation.
- ❖ Funding should be flexible.
- ❖ Building renovations/repair/replacement include:
 - ❖ Security
 - ❖ Replacement of portables
 - ❖ Construction of new facilities
 - ❖ Special-use facilities – arts and athletics
 - ❖ Energy efficiency
 - ❖ Playgrounds

Consider an amount greater than current bond.

Advisory Committee

Final override recommendations

- ❖ Fund staff wages in response to the increase in minimum wage mandated by Prop 206.
- ❖ Provide compensation that attracts and retains quality teachers and other employees.
- ❖ Increase school security staffing to provide a safe and secure learning environment.
- ❖ Continue academic programs, curriculum updates, Montessori, special education and ELA.

Increase from 10% to 15%.

Polling

Who did we poll?

- ❖ High efficacy voters (people who vote).
- ❖ Do not work for the district.
- ❖ Lived in home for more than 10 years.
- ❖ Own their home.
- ❖ Republican.
- ❖ Over 50 years of age.

Summary of results

- ❖ 70% would vote yes for \$300 million bond with no expected tax increase.
- ❖ 56% would vote yes for a 15% budget override with an expected tax increase.
- ❖ Majority supported despite legislature approving the continuation of Prop 301.
- ❖ Majority supported despite teacher walkout.
- ❖ Majority supported despite 20% raise for teachers.
- ❖ Majority supported despite City of Mesa asking for bonds and tax increase for salaries.

Final recommendations

- ❖ \$300 million bond
 - ❖ Building renovations/repair/replacement = \$167,000,000
 - ❖ Technology = \$87,000,000
 - ❖ Transportation = \$46,000,000
- ❖ 15% budget override
 - ❖ Continue funding teaching positions and class size.
 - ❖ Continue school security staffing to maintain a safe and secure learning environment.
 - ❖ Continue academic programs that prepare students for postsecondary education and workforce success.
 - ❖ Continue and increase employee compensation for attracting and retaining employees.
 - ❖ Provide funding to address minimum wage increase.