



INVESTING IN ARIZONA'S FUTURE

AZ Schools Now is a coalition of dedicated volunteers, teachers, parents, school board members, education leaders and advocates that came together prior to the passage of Prop 123 to focus on the next steps to reinvest in Arizona's public schools. Collectively, the constituencies of the AZ Schools Now partner organizations represent some of Arizona's most ardent and invested supporters of public education. These organizations include the Arizona Business and Education Coalition, Arizona Education Association, Arizona Education Network, Arizona School Boards Association, Arizona PTA, Arizona School Administrators Association, Children's Action Alliance, Arizona Center for Economic Progress, Support Our Schools Arizona, and Valley Interfaith Project.

To ensure steady progress in the success of Arizona's public schools and its students, the coalition has identified four key objectives to champion with state lawmakers:

1. Broaden existing revenue streams and reject proposals to shrink funding availability for public education through tax cuts and the expansion of tax credits and school vouchers
2. Expand and stabilize our workforce of qualified teachers through competitive compensation and professional support
3. Provide critical tools for classrooms with supplies and updated textbooks and technology
4. Repair and maintain school facilities to give students safe, clean and functional places to learn

AZ Schools Now budget proposal for FY2018 recommends increasing teacher pay raises from 0.4 to 4% by using the following formula:

\$95 Million in New Funding (as identified by Governor Ducey)

\$24 Million from the Achievement District (funds that were set aside 2 years ago)

\$12 Million Freeze on Corporate Private School Tax Credits

\$ 3 Million Freeze on New Tax Cuts

\$134 Million for Teacher Raises