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## **GOVERNOR DUCEY'S RESULTS-BASED K-12 FUNDING: Who Are the Winners and What Results Can We Expect?**

The largest of Governor Ducey's twelve education initiatives is a proposed \$38 million for a bonus for excelling schools. He says this is part of his promise to expand access to high quality education for all students – no matter where they live and no matter where they can afford to live.

The Governor has presented this proposal to appear that it will offer more resources to lower income students to help close the achievement gap.

But a look at the figures reveals a much different picture.

- Two thirds of the funding – 65% goes to high income schools.
- 77% of the students reached go to high income schools.
- This bonus funding reaches 23%-- nearly one in four – of all students in charter schools and *only* 11% of district students.
- There is nothing in the proposal that expands access to high quality schools, nothing that requires any expansion of the schools getting the bonus.
- The proposal leaves *less funding available* to strengthen education in all the other schools with AZMerit scores below the top 10%.

The proposal gives a bonus of \$400 per student to 61 district schools and 17 charter schools that serve lower income students. This bonus is based on the schools having the AZ Merit test scores in the top 10% of schools that have more than 60% of their students who qualify for the federal free and reduced price lunch program.

The proposal also gives a bonus of \$225 per student to 112 district schools and 74 charter schools that serve higher income students. This bonus is based on the schools having AZ Merit test scores in the top 10% of all schools and having less than 60% of their students who qualify for the federal free and reduced price lunch program.

## RESULTS BASED FUNDING

Category		Total Dollars	% of Total Dollars	Total Students	# of Schools
Low Income (Schools with >60% of students qualifying for FRPL*)	Districts schools receiving \$400 per student	\$11,597,200	30%	28,993	61
	Charter schools receiving \$400 per student	\$1,875,200	5%	4,688	17
Higher Income (everybody else)	District schools receiving \$225 per student	\$16,915,950	44%	75,182	112
	Charter schools receiving \$225 per student	\$7,987,950	21%	35,502	74
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$38,376,300</b>		<b>144,365</b>	<b>264</b>

\*FRPL = federal Free and Reduced-Priced Lunch program

## STUDENT DATA

	Total Students	Students Reached With Results-Based Funding	% Reached
District students	930,025	104,175	11%
Charter students	175,528	40,190	23%

Sources: Joint Legislative Budget Committee staff, *Projected Results-Based Funding by School if Used FY 2016 Data*, <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/18adeprojectedresults-basedfundingbyschoolifusedfy2016data.pdf> 2/8/17; Arizona Department of Education, *Enrollment Type by Grade, 10/1/15*

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