ARIZONA CHILDREN NEED REINVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 2019

Today in Arizona, thousands of students struggle to learn with:
- Overcrowded classrooms
- Outdated textbooks and technology
- Lack of basic supplies
- Rundown facilities and equipment
- No permanent teacher
- Missing nurses, counselors and support

ARIZONA’S RANKINGS ON EDUCATIONAL BENCHMARKS (2017)

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<td>4th Grade Reading Proficiency</td>
<td>43rd</td>
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<td>8th Grade Math Proficiency</td>
<td>25th</td>
<td>-42%</td>
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<td>College Attainment (Bachelor’s Degree)</td>
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ARIZONA INVESTS LESS PER STUDENT IN EVERY CATEGORY

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WHAT’S MISSING FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

CLASSROOM RESOURCES (ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE)

- **Funded**:
  - $235.5 M
- **Unfunded**:
  - $135.5 M

BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- **Funded**:
  - $79.4 M
- **Unfunded**:
  - $208.6 M

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER PAY

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ARIZONA WILL NEED TO INVEST $4 BILLION TO REACH US AVERAGE

TEACHER CRISIS

In December 2018, 1,694 teaching positions remained vacant and 914 teachers had resigned their positions.
WHERE HAVE ALL THE RESOURCES GONE?

1. Private Schools

- Tax Dollars to Private Schools are Skyrocketing 8
  - 2008: $61 M
  - 2012: $90 M
  - 2018: $240 M
  - 2019 (est): $270 M
  - 2020 (est): $304 M

- ESA vouchers vs. Tax Credit Donations

2. Tax Breaks for Corporations & Others

- Tax Cuts Since 1993 shrink Resources for Schools (2019) 9

School Funding Policies Leave Behind Children of Color and Low-Income Families

Most Arizona Students are Not Reading at Proficiency: 3rd Grade AzMERIT Reading Passing Rate (2018) 10

- Statewide Average: 44%
- White: 59%
- Latino/a: 33%
- Economically Disadvantaged: 31%
- African American: 31%
- American Indian: 21%

More than Half of “Results-Based” Funding Will Reach Students Attending Higher Income Schools (2020) 11

- Students at Low Income Schools: 45%
- Students at Higher Income Schools: 55%