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Where would Prop 208 money go?

The ballot initiative would boost pay for teachers, classroom support staff and school support staff. How could taxpayers be sure the money gets to the right people?



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50,000 students are gone from Arizona public schools. Where did they go?

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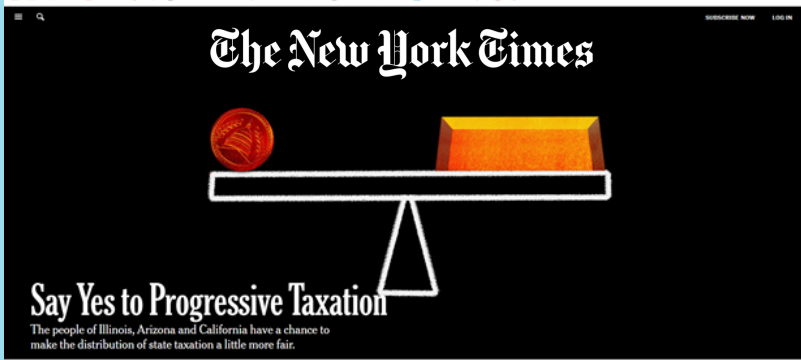


Students return to school on Aug. 17, 2020, at Queen Creek High School in Queen Creek. The Queen Creek Unified School District reported all of its schools for in-person classes. Sean Logan/The Republic

PHOENIX — An estimated 50,000 students vanished from Arizona's public district and charter schools over the summer, preliminary student count numbers for the 2020-2021 school year show.

That means the state has lost 5% of its students between this school year and the end of last. Numbers also show kindergarten enrollment is down by 14%.

Because the figures are early, it's unclear where students have gone. The state's population has not shifted enough for enrollment to plummet so dramatically. The number of families filing for homeschool has increased, but not by 50,000.



Kids Count data report shows the well-being of Arizona children

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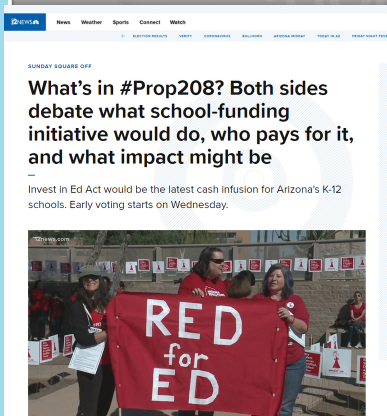
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PHOENIX — Would it fill a gaping financial hole for Arizona's K-12 schools?

Would it drive out small businesses?

On this weekend's "Sunday Square Off," we debate the potential impact of Proposition 208, which would create a large new revenue stream for the state's school districts and charter schools.

Prop 208 goes before voters on the November statewide ballot. Early voting starts Wednesday.



The latest Arizona updates on COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus.

As more cases of new coronavirus are identified in Arizona, immigrant families in the state may be afraid to get medical help if they need it.

An updated federal rule called the "public charge" went into effect last month and has had what many experts say is a chilling effect on immigrant families, who are avoiding government-funded services, including health care, out of fear of the government.

"Now, it's particularly unfortunate when there is a contagious disease," said Sima Qasim, president and CEO of the Phoenix-based Children's Action Alliance.

The public charge was already bad for health care access, and that's exacerbated it the new coronavirus pandemic, she said.

"It is documented that there is a chilling effect for families," she said, citing research by The Urban Institute, a Washington D.C.-based think tank. "This is not policies like public charge aren't in the interest of public health."

