



AMPHITHEATER

P u b l i c S c h o o l s

Annual Report
on
Programs Financed by
10% Maintenance and Operations Override

General Information about a Budget Override

- Arizona law permits school districts to obtain local voter approval to *override* the state budget formulas for a school district's Capital and/or Maintenance and Operations (M&O) budgets.
- Funds received through the override can only be used for the specific purposes approved by the voters.
- The amount of budget increase is limited to the percentage amount approved by the voters and for the length of time authorized by the voters.
- M&O overrides, for example, cannot increase an M&O budget by more than 15%.



State Limitations on School District Spending

- Regardless of a school district's tax base or its level of need, each school district is limited by state formulas to the amount it can spend M&O and Capital funds.
- Except for bonds, state formulas generally tie spending to the number of enrolled students.
- Arizona school districts do not have authority to increase their budget without voter-approval to *override* the budget set through state formula.



Amphitheater's Override

- Amphitheater currently has a 10% general M&O budget override in place.
- This update focuses only on the current 10% M&O override as required by A.R.S. 15-481(Y).
- It does not address Prop 476 (election proposition to be decided November 5, 2019) which seeks an additional 3.5% override of the Kindergarten through Third Grade budget to:
 1. Pay for free all-day kindergarten throughout the District (thereby freeing up Title 1 funds for other student interventions for all elementary grades), and
 2. Reduce kindergarten through third grade class sizes to maximum student numbers of:
 - Kindergarten - 25 students
 - First Grade - 25 students
 - Second Grade - 26 students
 - Third Grade - 27 students .
- There is an FAQ about Prop 475 (election proposition to renew the 10% M&O override also to be decided on November 5, 2019) and Prop 476 (see above) available for review on the District website.



History of Amphitheater's 10% M&O Override

November 2004

Blue Ribbon Budget Analysis Committee of community members recommended that the Amphitheater Governing Board seek voter approval of a 10% M&O override to be used for:

- Class size reduction,
- Enhanced Art, Music, & PE classes at Elementary schools,
- Increased middle & high school electives,
- Academic Intervention Programs,
- Enhancements to staff compensation to help maintain competition, and
- Addition of 3 to 4 support staff members to meet growing facilities needs.



Amphitheater Voters Have Approved the Existing Override Three Times

- First Approved in May 2005
- Renewed in November 2009
- Renewed again in November 2014



Current Status of 10% M&O Override

- 10% M&O override is a seven-year override
 - Provides budget override increase of 10% of M&O budget for first 5 years,
 - Phases down by 1/3 in year 6 and by another 1/3 in year 7, and
 - Ceases in year 8 and budget returns to regular state budget.
- This is the *final* year of the full 10% M&O budget override unless Amphitheater's electors vote to renew it by approving Prop 475 on November 5, 2019.
- If not renewed, the phase down will begin next school year:
 - Amphitheater's M&O budget will phase down by 1/3 in SY 2020-2021,
 - Then, it will phase down by another 1/3 in SY 2021-2022, and
 - Override will cease, and Amphitheater goes back to regular state budget, in SY 2022-2023.



10% M&O Override Amount

- The 10% budget override amount is 10% of the amount of funding the state provides Amphitheater each year.
- When the state education funding is higher, then the 10% budget increase is higher.
- In 2005, override amount was approximately \$8.1 million because state education funding and student enrollment were higher then.
- Override currently provides \$7,854,501 in additional funding to Amphitheater Public Schools.



Comparison of Amounts Provided by 10% M&O Override

2018-2019

2019-2020

\$7,677,952

\$7,854,501



Schools that Receive Funding through the Override

High Schools

Amphitheater High School
Canyon del Oro High School
Ironwood Ridge High School

Middle Schools

Amphitheater Middle School
Cross Middle School
La Cima Middle School

K-8 Schools

Coronado K-8 School
Wilson K-8 School

Student Services Program

Rillito Center

Elementary Schools

Copper Creek Elementary
Donaldson Elementary
Harelson Elementary
Holaway Elementary
Innovation Academy
Keeling Elementary
Mesa Verde Elementary
Nash Elementary
Painted Sky Elementary
Prince Elementary
Rio Vista Elementary
Walker Elementary



Number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees Paid through the Override

1,794 FTE*

*The override funds a portion of the salary for almost every District employee.



Class Sizes Before the Override

- **Elementary Schools:** Regularly above 30 students
- **Middle School:**
 - English and Writing classes up to 35 students
 - Math and Science classes were as high as 38 students
- **High School:**
 - English, Math, and Science classes exceeded 35 students



Class Size Reduction Provided by the 10% M&O Override

- This year, the 10% M&O override added the following additional teachers:
 - 8.8 FTE Elementary Teachers
 - 2.4 FTE Middle School Teachers
 - 3.2 FTE High School Teachers
- For some of these teachers, the M&O budget only afforded a partial contract, but class size reduction funds provided through the override enabled the teacher's position to become a full-time position and increase the number of classes offered by that teacher.
- This has enabled the District to hire better qualified teachers since it is easier to hire a full-time teacher than a part-time one.



Dedicated Certificated Teachers to Teach Art in Elementary Schools

- The M&O override permits the District to provide a certificated art teacher at every one of its elementary schools.
- The funding provides for a full-time art teacher at each of the District's twelve (12) elementary schools and two (2) K-8 schools.
- This year, the 10% M&O override adds *3.9 FTE Art Teachers* in elementary schools.
- Like with class size reduction, the M&O budget only affords a partial contract for art at the elementary schools, but funding from the 10% M&O override enables the art teachers to be full-time and expand the amount of time students have in art class each week.
- This has enabled the District to hire better qualified teachers since it is easier to hire a full-time teacher than a part-time one.



Dedicated Certificated Teachers to Teach Music in Elementary Schools

- The M&O override permits the District to provide a certificated music teacher at every one of its elementary schools.
- The funding provides for a full-time music teacher at each of the District's twelve (12) elementary schools and two (2) K-8 schools.
- This adds *4.0 FTE Music Teachers* in elementary schools.
- Like art, the M&O budget only affords a partial teacher contract for music at elementary schools, but funding through the override enabled the music teacher to be full-time and expand the amount of time students have in music class each week.
- This has enabled the District to hire better qualified teachers since it is easier to hire a full-time teacher than a part-time one.



Dedicated Certificated Teachers to Teach Physical Education in Elementary Schools

- The M&O override permits the District to provide a certificated physical education teacher at every one of its elementary schools.
- The funding provides for a full-time physical education teacher at each of the District's twelve (12) elementary schools and two (2) K-8 schools.
- This adds *3.4 FTE Physical Education Teachers* in elementary schools.
- Like music, the M&O budget only affords a partial contract for physical education teachers at elementary schools, but funding through the override enabled the elementary PE teacher to be full-time and expand the amount of time students have in PE class each week.
- This has enabled the District to hire better qualified teachers since it is easier to hire a full-time teacher than a part-time one.



Advanced Learning Programs and Elective Courses at Middle School

- Through the 10% M&O override this year, advanced learning and elective courses are being funded at each middle school and K-8 school.
- Course offerings include:
 - Career Exploration,
 - Fine Arts,
 - Science,
 - Programming, and
 - Technology.



**Middle School Teacher FTE Paid by
2019-2020 Override Funds
for
Advanced Learning Programs and Elective Courses**

13.5 FTE Middle School Teachers



Advanced Learning Programs and Elective Courses at High Schools

This year, the 10% M&O override also funds additional courses for high school students.

The courses provided this year through the M&O override include:

- Studio Art,
- Computer Science,
- Engineering,
- French III and IV,
- Music Theory,
- Advanced Placement Psychology,
- Advanced Placement Environmental Science,
- Academic Challenges, and
- Teen Court.



**High School Teacher FTE Paid by
2019-2020 Override Funds
for
Advanced Learning Programs and Elective Courses**

8.4 FTE High School Teachers



Tutoring and Intervention Programs

- The general M&O override also funds tutoring and other intervention programs to serve students throughout the school year and into the summer.
- These programs include items such as the PATH Program at Amphi High and the licensing of intervention software.
- This provided for 1.1 FTE, in addition to, funding additional hours for tutoring.



Employee Compensation Enhancement

- The override provides additional funding to enhance compensation for certificated and classified personnel in the District.
- This allows the District to remain competitive to hire the best teachers for our students.
- It also allows the District to compete against private employers and charter schools to obtain trained professional staff.



Employee Compensation Enhancement

- The 10% Maintenance and Operations override funds approximately *3% of almost every employee salary* in the District.
- This includes:
 - Classified (Hourly) employees,
 - Certificated employees, and
 - Administrative employees.
- For SY 2019-2020, the 10% Maintenance and Operations budget override provides *\$2.6 million dollars* in compensation/salary enhancements for District employees.



Positions Funded Entirely by the 10% M&O Override

- The 10% M&O override adds technology and facilities positions to enable the District to remain current with technology changes and growing technology demands.
- These following positions are funded 100% by the M&O override:
 - 2 Maintenance Tech II positions in the Facilities Department, and
 - 1 Programmer Analyst in the Technology Department.

