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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 5.5

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

**NEW BUSINESS ITEM:** M & O Override Proposal

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

The current Maintenance and Operations Override adds 13.3% basic funding from the local tax base to supplement what the state sets as our budget limit in Arizona's school finance formula.

As you know, we have received this supplemental funding for years from our local taxbase. This override supports our efforts to help maintain present levels of programming and services for our students. Without it, we face the possibility of increases in class size, staff reductions, and loss of educational programs.

The M & O Override has a 7-year life but starts to phase out in the 6th and 7th years. Typically, we go back to voters before that phaseout. That is the case again for a potential November 2022 election However, our current override will not start to phase out until 2024-2025.

We recommend including a renewal of this override on the November 2022 election ballot to avoid the expense of a separate election a year from now in November 2023 (FY 2024, the year before a phaseout starts).