



May 9, 2023

# Superintendent's Report





# Around the Schools



Amphitheater High School held its annual Senior Signing Day, which gives graduating Panthers the opportunity to celebrate their commitments for the future. Here we see our students who are bound for the University of Arizona!



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Students from the **Ironwood Ridge** and **Canyon Del Oro** Engineering programs competed in cardboard boat races on April 28 at the Oro Valley Aquatic Center. The students engineered their watercrafts with the goal of creating a vessel that would float and would be fast enough to beat the competition. The students had a great time, whether their boats sank or stayed afloat.



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On April 20, students from all three high schools and business and community members came together at CDO for the Students in Partnership with Industry Breakfast. The event celebrated our CTE students and their programs. The breakfast featured powerful student speeches about how CTE courses have impacted their high school experiences, a program expo and an opportunity for students to meet with industry professionals to discuss possibilities for the future.



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Prince Elementary School students in kindergarten, first and second grades recently got to participate in the My Summer Library program sponsored by United Way. Each student chose 12 brand new books to take home for summer reading.



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The musical theater students at **La Cima Middle School**, shown above, recently performed an amazing production of **The Jungle Book**.

At right, our **Keeling Elementary School** students were excited to bring their science lessons to life by putting their solar ovens to use to make S'mores.





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Members of the Class of 2023 from **Amphi High, CDO** and **Ironwood Ridge** visited the elementary, middle and K-8 schools in their feeder patterns for the annual Grad Walk last Friday. The younger students, teachers and administrators have the chance to cheer for the graduates and celebrate them as they prepare to move onto their next adventures. This is also an inspiring event for the younger students to see what awaits them!



# Around the District



A big congratulations and thank you to this year's group of retirees from the District. We held a Retirement Ceremony last week to honor them and their contributions to **Amphitheater Public Schools**.

Fun fact: We had 47 retirees this year, for a total of 794 years of service to the District!





# A State Budget Coming?

- A negotiated deal may be near.
- Committee consideration of the package was set to begin today.
- Some of the significant terms included additional increases to District Additional Assistance (formerly “capital” funds for equipment, facilities and the like), additional restoration of long-reduced building renewal funding, and distribution of some portion of available “one time” funding to the public school systems.
- The state’s enormous budget surplus (nearly \$2.3B) is almost all one-time funding. Only about \$48M of that amount is continuing funding.



# Key K-12 Budget Terms

- For basic district maintenance and operations (in total statewide figures):
  - The 2% inflation increase mandated by Propositions 301/123 (Continuing funding of \$157.7M)
  - An additional increase to the base support level of \$68.6M. This increase is generated by repealing the results-based funding program and redistributing the funding to the base level. Would result in a total budget increase of 2.92%, including the 2% inflation figure.
  - Increases District Additional Assistance (capital) by an additional \$20M above the \$29M pre-appropriated in FY2023. As a result, DAA will increase by just over 9% in FY2024. Charter Additional Assistance will increase by just over 3%.
  - Provides a one-time \$300M “state aid supplement” to be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on weighted student count. This money would be available for maintenance and operations and unrestricted capital outlay purposes.
  - Estimate of Amphitheater’s share of \$300M in one time funds: \$3,135,676.59



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- For school facilities purposes (in total statewide figures):
  - \$200M for the building renewal grant program (only approximately \$200,000 more than the amount funded in FY23)
  - \$1M for the ADOA division of school facilities to hire personnel for in-person school inspections.