



# **BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITY**

## **EDUCATION BUDGET 2017**

Arizona public schools, universities, and teachers are the BIG winners in this year's budget.

Under the agreement, public schools will receive \$163 million in new funding next year – above the \$76 million in inflation and enrollment.

Combined with the \$318 million in Prop 123 money next year, that's a total of \$557 in NEW education spending in FY2018. The difference this will make cannot be overstated.

The budget also paves the way for a \$1 billion investment in Arizona's public universities. It does this all without raising taxes on hardworking Arizonans.

The bottom line: We can be fiscally responsible while funding the things that matter the most to our citizens.

Read more about the critical investments made in the Arizona budget.



# WHAT'S IN THE BUDGET?

- **\$68 million** for a permanent 2% teacher pay raise over two years
- **\$27 million** in ongoing capital investments for universities that will enable over \$1 billion in bonding
- **\$37.6 million** for results-based funding at public schools, half of which is earmarked for teacher raises
- **\$20 million** over two years for early literacy programs, including full-day kindergarten
- **\$80 million** for the construction and maintenance of school facilities
- **\$7.3 million** for IT upgrades to more efficiently make payments to schools at the Department of Education
- **\$3 million** in matching funds for rural school access to internet connectivity/broadband generating approximately \$100 million in total funds
- **\$2.6 million** additional funds for small and isolated rural schools
- **\$1 million** for high school graduates to complete JTED programs
- **\$250,000** to expand principal leadership training
- **\$250,000** to expand teacher loan forgiveness
- **\$100,000** for dropout prevention programs
- **\$30 million** in permanent investments for local transportation infrastructure projects
- **\$6.6 million** to grow Arizona State Parks, including \$4 million to build Rockin' River Ranch
- **\$1.2 million** to completely eliminate the state's sexual assault kit backlog
- **\$220,900** for AHCCCS to combat opioid addiction
- **\$1.5 million** for a post-release fire crew
- **\$517,900** for substance abuse and reentry counselors to reduce recidivism
- **\$6.1 million** to upgrade the Department of Child Safety's outdated electronic management system
- **\$2 million** for adoption services
- **\$1 million** to increase funding for kinship caregivers, often known as the "grandma stipend"
- **\$2 million** for enhanced services at Adult Protective Services
- **\$2 million** for Arizona's drought contingency plan
- **\$1.2 million** for additional personnel supporting proper management of the state's streams and groundwater
- **\$269,900** for fire safety communications equipment and a Deputy Fire Marshal
- **\$500,000** for a new public health emergency fund
- **\$400,000** for court appointed special advocates

