



Arizona Business & Education Coalition 2019 Public Policy Agenda

- 1) **SUPPORT** the discussion and identification of **new, dedicated and sustainable revenue stream(s)** in a specific Referral through the Legislature.
- 2) **SUPPORT** **state finance formula changes** by adding an “Equity Weight” to give struggling school districts resources necessary to close existing achievement gaps.
- 3) **SUPPORT** **review** and possible elimination of **existing tax credits**, especially those with automatic, built in inflation factors such as Student Tuition Organizations and oppose further erosions of the existing tax base via additional credits, exclusions or exemptions of current tax revenue streams.
- 4) **SUPPORT** **reduction** of public tax dollars being maneuvered into private schools via **vouchers, ESA expansion or any other means**. Private schools should be entirely privately funded.
- 5) **SUPPORT** the current budget surplus to address **school capital needs** and rainy day fund investment as two highest priorities.
- 6) **SUPPORT** **Public Charter School reform measures** that prospectively eliminate new, for profit charters and add appropriate transparency and accountability for public charter expenditures that mirrors existing accountabilities for other public schools, where applicable.
- 7) **SUPPORT** **repeal of “low bid” mandate** from last session and adopt a more universal set of rules for procurement that incorporates best practices from around the country.
- 8) **SUPPORT** moving Group A into Group B to ensure **weighted dollars** remain where the student is actually being educated rather than formulaic manipulations based upon historic and no longer accurate measures.
- 9) **SUPPORT** positions consistent with **reducing salary compression** for classified staff as Proposition 206 continues to phase in. This may require subsequent statutory change to cure the compression issue.
- 10) **SUPPORT** **additional auditor request for State Charter Board** to enhance their financial management tools and to help prevent public charter financial collapses that have harmed families and students.
- 11) **SUPPORT** incorporating beneficiaries in any discussion on **teacher pension reform**.
- 12) **SUPPORT** Arizona Board of Regents call for in **state scholarship tuition aid** to reduce tuition costs for Arizona students.
- 13) **SUPPORT** Community College needs to better serve **workforce development agenda**.
- 14) **SUPPORT** the **restoration of 9th grade CTE funding** and consider conforming with federal guidelines that provides CTE support/funding to the 5th grade level.
- 15) **SUPPORT** the **funding of full day kindergarten**.
- 16) **SUPPORT** a **review of Results Based Funding** to ensure such measures do not stress student equity concerns or limit the ability of local districts to use critical new funding to reduce student achievement gaps.
- 17) **SUPPORT** the **restoration of full funding for District Additional Assistance** as announced by Governor Ducey.
- 18) **SUPPORT** repeal of the current, state adopted “Menu of Assessments” for **school accountability**.

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