

PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING
FY2023 AGGREGATE EXPENDITURE LIMIT OVERRIDE

The Arizona Legislature passed, and Governor Ducey signed, the state's Fiscal Year 2023 budget, including appropriations for state aid to school districts. This budget causes Arizona's education spending for the fiscal year to exceed the aggregate expenditure limit for K-12 education contained in the Arizona Constitution (Art. 9, Sec. 21). This Letter of Support from the Pinal County Board of Supervisors urges the Legislature to act quickly to override the limit to avoid immediate harm to school districts because:

- The Pinal County School Districts have timely and responsibly prepared their FY2023 budgets in accordance with Arizona Law, with the expectation that sufficient revenue will be available to fund its obligations.
- If the Constitutional Aggregate Expenditure Limit is not overridden, Pinal County School Districts estimate to lose approximately 16% of their budget capacity.
- The vote to exceed the Constitutional Aggregate Expenditure Limit is necessary to allow school districts to expend money that has already been appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of K-12 education.
- A cut of this magnitude will significantly harm student learning, teacher and staff retention, and community trust by causing large furloughs and other cuts prior to the end of the school year.
- The school districts in our community are a source not only of learning, but also economic stability and development, and a cut of this magnitude will have an economic impact on all residents of our community.
- It is within the Legislature's power under A.R.S. §15-911(C)(2) to mitigate this looming fiscal crisis immediately by voting by a 2/3 majority to allow the expenditure of all appropriated funds in Fiscal Year 2023.

It is resolved that the Pinal County Board of Supervisors support the override of the Constitutional Aggregate Expenditure Limit for FY2023, and urge Governor Ducey to call the Legislature into a special session to approve an override before the end of the year.

Approved by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on November 2, 2022.

Approved as to form:

Yvette Patterson, County Attorney
Pinal County Attorney's Office

Jeffrey McClure, Chairman of the Board
Pinal County Board of Supervisors