

Welcome to Safford Unified School District

M & O Override
Information

INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET

**Safford Unified School District No. 1
of Graham County, Arizona**

**SPECIAL ELECTION
November 3, 2020**

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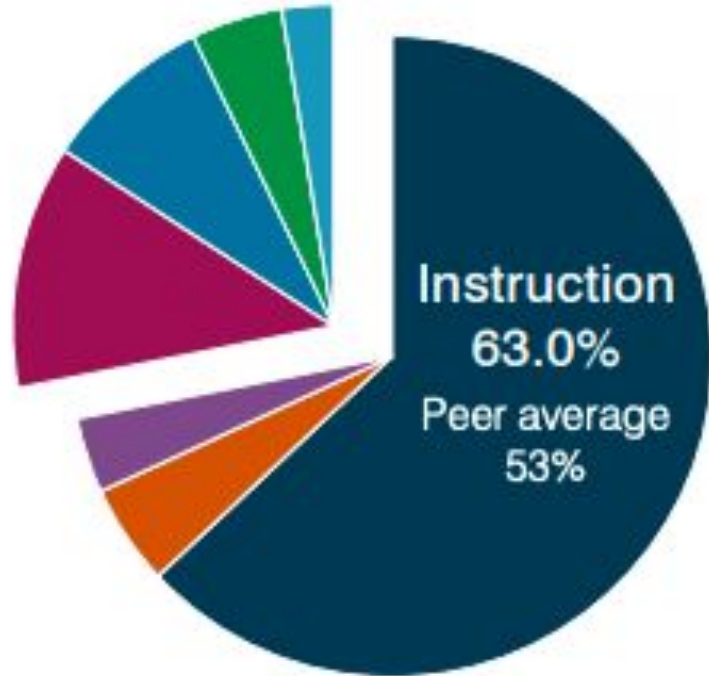


FOLLETO INFORMATIVO

**Distrito Escolar Unificado Núm. 1 de Safford
del Condado de Graham, Arizona**

**ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL
3 de noviembre de 2020**

Spending by operational area



Classroom spending, 71.9%

■ Instruction, 63%

■ Student support, 5.1%

■ Instruction support, 3.8%

Nonclassroom spending, 28.1%

■ Administration, 12.3%

■ Plant operations, 8.6%

■ Food service, 4.6%

■ Transportation, 2.6%

Almost 72% of our operations money goes into the classroom. This includes teacher salaries, counselors, and other supports. We put as much as we can into the classroom and put more than many of our peer schools of similar size.

Current M&O Spending

- *Approximately 90%+ is spent on salaries at this time.*
- *That's people and programs.*
 - *Utilities*
 - *Maintenance*
 - *Technology*

Why is the District Asking for an Override Election?

Over the years the State has significantly reduced education funding. Among the cuts were the reduction of soft-capital (books, materials) funding, elimination of Full-day Kindergarten funding and reduction in capital (facility improvements) funding by approximately 85%.

Why is the District Asking for an Override Election?

Unfortunately, the state of Arizona has continually underfunded public education and with the minimum wage increases, which the state is not funding, there are additional expenses to the district's budget

Why is the District Asking for an Override Election?

- **Maintain current class sizes, teaching and aid positions.**
- **Allow capacity to fund Full-day Kindergarten (currently funded by State for 1/2 day).**
- **Continue to provide supplemental programs such as arts, physical education and other elective classes for students.**
- **Attract and retain quality staff.**
- **Fund extracurricular programs, including, without limitation, music and athletics, which otherwise might not be available to District students.**
- **Provide school resource officers.**
- **Fund academic programs geared toward expanding education opportunities and meeting state standards for graduation.**

The first Override, which was passed by voters in 2008 helped SUSD maintain many of the items listed the earlier slides. This was not voted to be renewed in 2015. Since the override did not pass in 2015 it created a short fall over the past 5 years.



What will be the amount this override generates?

Annual Budget Increase Needs:

Increase in Minimum Wage \$665,000

Failed M&O-2015 \$743,000

This is the amount of the last override election that failed. This was needed each year to help continue the previously passed override from 2008.

Total Annual Need: \$1,408,000

Total Generated if Override Passes: \$1,618,848



What will it cost voters for this override?

	Limited Value	Assessment Ratio	Limited Assessed Value	Tax Cost Annual
Average Residential	\$96,040	10.0%	\$9,604	\$132
Half of Average Residential	\$48,020	10.0%	\$4,802	\$66
Twice the Average Residential	\$192,080	10.0%	\$19,208	\$263

Monthly cost:

For a \$96,040 residence, the monthly cost would be \$ 11 per month

For a \$192,000 residence, the monthly cost would be \$ 21.91 per month

Tax on Each \$100,000 Local Business Value				\$247
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- Tax on each \$100,000 business value per month \$20.58

Tax on Each \$100,000 Agricultural / Vacant Value				\$206
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- Tax on each \$100,000 agricultural/vacant value per month \$17.16

Questions?

We can offer factual info only

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