



November 2, 2021 M & O Budget Override Election Fact Sheet

Voters will decide whether to continue the existing 15 percent Maintenance & Operations (M&O) Budget Override to continue support for FHUSD.

About Overrides

Arizona state law allows school districts to increase their M&O budgets up to 15 percent more, per year, than the per pupil funding level set by the legislators. M&O funds are used almost exclusively for teachers and staff salaries.

Why is the Election Being Held?

The District is requesting a continuation of the 15 percent M&O Override. The continuation is being sought so the District can maintain current programs and increase teacher and staff compensation. The override before the voters is approximately \$1.3 million annually and would be funded in the first year by an estimated tax rate of \$.23 per \$100 of secondary assessed valuation.

How Will Your Taxes Be Affected?

The current yearly tax for the existing override is approximately \$23 per \$100,000 in assessed value of a home. This is not a new tax for property owners. The average annual cost to the homeowners is \$86.

The assessed value of a home is set by the Maricopa County Assessor's Office and is frequently lower than current market value of a home.

What will the Override do for Students?

- Maintain All-day Kindergarten
- Provide Teacher Salary Increases
- Provide Professional Development
- Hire additional staff for Reading Literacy Support
- Financially reward staff for exemplary performance
- Enable the District to maintain its outstanding programs

What Happens if the M&O Override is Not Approved?

The non-renewal of the override will require the district to cut more than \$1.3 million from its operating budget per year starting in 2022. Programs for students will be reduced or eliminated, salaries will not be competitive with surrounding school districts, and class sizes will increase.

When is the Election?

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021. A ballot will be mailed to EVERY registered voter October 2021. Ballots may be returned by mail or dropped off at ballot centers, prior to or, on election day.

For more information regarding these new voting procedures, please call Maricopa County Elections Office at 602.506.3535 or visit www.recorder.maricopa.gov/elections.

FHUSD Highlights

Tremendous Athletic and Extracurricular opportunities

Community-centered and Community supported

Safe schools in a nurturing environment

High achieving students

Strong academics

Career and Technical Education



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