

Capital Budget Override Election Information

Littleton School District appreciates your interest in the district and upcoming elections. To help keep community members informed, information pertaining to school elections is posted on this page. Below is a list of frequently asked questions and answers on Littleton School District's capital outlay override election.

What is a budget override?

Arizona State Law allows school districts to increase their budgets by an amount not greater than ten percent of the Revenue Control Limit (RCL) for capital purposes with voter approval. The RCL is a state formula that determines how much funding school districts are allowed to spend each year. A District can ask for a capital outlay override or a maintenance and operations override.

Why does a school district ask for voter approval to exceed its budget?

Exceeding the capital outlay budget allows the district to provide a higher quality education, offer more programs and services to better meet the needs of students, and adequately prepare children to be successful contributing members of our community.

The District has been a conservative steward of the funds that have been provided by the State, but it is the opinion of the Governing Board that 10 years of Capital cuts through the recession have left insufficient funds available in the District's regular capital budget to meet the District's annual capital needs. Long-standing delayed capital funded projects such as preventative maintenance will still need to be addressed even with a plan for reinstating capital budgets in the coming years.

For what is the capital outlay override used?

The District is asking the voters to renew the current capital outlay override with a \$400,000 increase. The majority of the expenses at the schools will be expended in the classroom with the vast majority (91%) of the District Additional Assistance Override funds at the school sites. This District Additional Assistance Override request is a continuation of the Capital Override that was approved by the voters in November of 2012. Accounting for inflation, student growth and the addition of \$400,000, voter authorization does not provide as much purchasing power per student as it originally did in 2012. These dollars are used for:

- Continuing information technology improvements, including classroom equipment, expansion of 1:1 program and networking improvements;
- Continued modernization of instructional materials, equipment and technology for preschool and elementary schools, including library books, digital library, instructional aids and software and supplemental materials;
- Continued facility maintenance and improvements, including campus flooring projects, paint, furniture and equipment; and
- Continued modernization of pupil transportation vehicles and white fleet.

How long are override funds good for?

Littleton's override elections provide funding to the school district for seven years. Voters must reauthorize the override by the seventh year or the district no longer receives the override funding.

How will the capital outlay override funds benefit Littleton students?

The capital outlay override funds will benefit students in a number of ways. First, the funds will help the district upgrade its current instructional materials; this includes textbooks and instructional materials including software. The funds will allow for expansion of the district's current 1:1 plan. In addition, the funding will pay for technology replacements and facility improvements and the purchase of additional student transportation vehicles.

What happens if the override is not passed?

If the District Additional Assistance override is not approved, then the District will not be able to increase its capital outlay budget and those programs would not be implemented and the capital items would not be purchased.

How does the override affect my tax rate?

The capital outlay override election will have an effect on your tax rate. If approved the District would levy an additional \$400,000 per year. The average owner occupied homeowner in the District would see their property taxes go up for an average \$6.60 per year over the life of the override. That equates to \$0.55 cents per month or just under 2 cents a day.

When is the next capital outlay override election?

The election is November 6, 2018.

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