



Pendergast Elementary District Governing Board Calls for Override Renewal

Election to be held on the Tuesday, November 3, 2015 as part of the general election

June 10, 2015(Phoenix, Arizona) – At its June 2, 2015 board meeting, the Pendergast Elementary School District Governing Board approved by a unanimous vote, the call for an election to renew the District’s Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Override to occur on November 3, 2015. The Maintenance and Operations portion of the District’s budget is the fund used by the District to pay for its daily operating expenses.

The proposed M&O Override authorizes the District to spend an additional 15% above the state budget to provide for programs and services beyond those funded by the state. The District has an existing override that was authorized by voters in the November 2010 election that generated \$6.5 million for the 2014-2015 school year and the override measure will begin phasing out in 2016-17 if not renewed. The override is supported by voters through a property tax that is collected on the total assessed valuation of the District, including businesses, homes and all other property.

This is a renewal of an existing override and with the sustained funding, the District will continue to provide a level of educational services and programs for students and community not funded by the state.

The override will:

- Maintain the district average class size of no more than the current standard of 27 students per teacher.
- Continue to offer all students K-8 special area classes in Art, Music and Physical Education.
- Continue to provide full time counselors for students and families in all schools.
- Provide free full day kindergarten for all schools and/or support staff for classroom teachers
- Continue to have school health service providers on every campus.
- Continue to staff and provide resources for school libraries with media specialists.

The average additional tax rate needed to fully fund the Pendergast Elementary School District override is approximately \$2.51 cents per \$100 of the limited property value, which equates to \$202 per year or \$.56 per day on a home assessed at the District’s average value of \$80,000. Since the override is a continuation it would not raise taxes, they would remain at the same rate.

The override election will be held on the Tuesday, November 3, 2015 during the General Election. Early voting for this measure will start Thursday, October 8, 2015. The last day for voter registration is Monday, October 5, 2015. Additional information can be found on the District’s website at www.pesd92.org or questions can be directed to Brian Mee, Chief Business Officer at 623-772-2216 or bmee@pesd92.org.