



Pendergast District Override Renewal Passes with Funding and Programs Maintained

District will use funds to benefit students and classrooms

November 10, 2019 (Phoenix, Arizona) – The Pendergast District community passed the Override Renewal Election on November 5, 2019 with 52 percent YES votes. This was a renewal election, so taxes will remain the same and students and staff will benefit in the following ways:

- Maintain an average teacher-pupil ratio of approximately 27 students to 1 teacher, including current teaching positions supported by the existing override.
- Maintain a critical focus on student learning during the early years, by providing free full day kindergarten at all twelve sites and the staff resources to support teachers in the areas of reading and math instruction.
- Enhance student learning opportunities and enrichment activities for all District children. The current override provides programs in music, art and physical education.
- Support programs in counseling, health and wellness and library services.

According to Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, Pendergast District Superintendent, “We are thankful to our communities for their support. Students will benefit from the services offered and we will be able to help make their educational experience the very best. We know that many people believe in Pendergast and our voters have shown us that they value the wonderful education we are providing daily for our students and families.”

Governing Board President Susan Serin echoes Dr. DeBlieux’ sentiments and shares on behalf of the Governing Board, “The passage of the Override Renewal will enable the Governing Board and the District to implement the necessary support systems to make Pendergast the premier district in the West Valley. We are grateful to our voters for their continuous support and confidence. We deeply appreciate everyone who invested their time for the election to inform our communities about the vital work we are doing to maintain their property values with high quality schools and programs. Our schools have made wonderful progress in their student achievement, and having these programs help to make it possible.”

Joanne Fimbres, Chief Financial Officer for PESD states, “It is our job to be responsible stewards of taxpayer’s funds, and fully accountable to spend the funds as they are intended. As a district, we are required to comply with what was listed in the Voter Pamphlet or be in violation of Arizona state law. We will continue to update the community on the positive impact of the Override Renewal and we invite everyone to connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and through our [Website](#) as well as to attend our numerous school and community events to see firsthand how outstanding our education is in the Pendergast District.”