

Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government. Whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights.

Thomas Jefferson

Increased Funding for Public Schools Not Nearly Enough

The 2019 Arizona Legislature sent their budget to the Governor for signing. Of relief to educators was the failure of HB 2032, which would have penalized teachers who mention political issues in their classroom. This bill was originally sponsored by Rep. Finchem.

Leigh Jensen, governmental relations associate with AZ School Boards Association, said highlights of the K-12 Budget include:

- \$165M pre-appropriated in Fiscal Year 2019 for an additional 5 percent teacher pay raise
- Appropriates \$20M in FY20 to the School Safety Program and expands grant eligibility to include school counselors and school social workers
- Appropriates \$136M in FY20 to restore cuts to District Additional Assistance
- Appropriates \$30M in FY20 to increase Results Based Funding
- Appropriates \$1M to ADE for Gifted Education
- Requires the School Facilities Board to fund new school construction based on enrollment projections within the next two school years, rather than the current school year

Kathy Hoffman, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction, said in a press release: "This year the state made some movement in the right direction by funding several K-12 education initiatives, including increased funding to address our teacher shortage by training the next generation of educators. **However, it is disheartening to see another tax cut of nearly \$400 million when Arizona's education spending remains among the lowest in the nation.**"

Higher education highlights of the budget include:

- \$4.8 million to MCCC and \$1.2 million to Pima Community College, for workforce development and STEM formula funding
- \$5.8 million to MCCC for health care specialty expansion
- \$15 million to Pima Community College for aviation program
- \$14.2 million for rural community colleges
- \$15 million for community college post-baccalaureate teachers
- \$500,000 to start a Freedom School at NAU

Fortunately, the Koch brothers' anti-government Freedom Centers at ASU and UA did not receive funding this year as they had in the previous two years.

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Was a High School Administrator, TUSD for 13 yrs.

Taught Methods Classes, Educational Psychology and supervised student teachers at University of Phoenix for 14 years

Supervised student teachers at NAU for 4 years

International Experience

Taught summer school at Huazong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China

Was an English Instructor/Facilitator Teacher during 3 summer school sessions for Teachers of English, Guangzhou, China

Presented Best Practices in Teaching at a Winter English Teacher workshop, Vina del Mar (Santiago), Chile

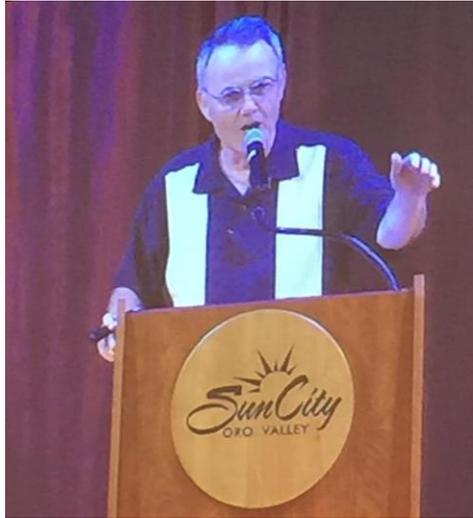
Presented Best Practices in Teaching session, Bucharest, Romania

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LD 11 Spring Fundraiser a Success

It was a sellout crowd at the LD 11 Spring Fundraiser on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Keynote speaker David Fitzsimmons was entertaining; Candidate for US Senate, Mark Kelly was inspiring, and Arizona Corporation Commission candidate Bill Mundell, LD11 House candidate Dr. Felipe Perez, LD8 candidate Sharon Girard, and Pima County candidates Brian Bickel and Brian Johnson were all very informative. With over 200 tickets sold, combined with on-site cash donations, and the sale of raffle tickets, net proceeds were in excess of \$4,000, which will be used to help support the Democrats of AZ Campaign Office leading up to the 2020 election.



OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

Please bring a donation of non-perishable food to our monthly meetings.

If everyone brings only one or two items it will add up to a significant contribution.

The Dems of Oro Valley care about the well-being of our less fortunate Friends.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

Thanks to all of you who support our brave troops.

Please bring any of these items to DOV for distribution to disabled veterans: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pocket novels and paper back puzzle books.

Please – no candy.

July Meeting

Monday
July 8, 2019
6:30 pm • OV Library

Paul Ingram
Tucson Sentinel Reporter
on Border Issues

Come early at 6:15 and
make new friends!