



Education Funding Facts

- School capital budgets have been cut by 85% since 2008
- Budget for classroom supplies has been CUT by 80%
- Pima county teacher salaries are 30% below the national average after cost of living adjustment
- VUSD has had unfilled teaching positions all year. There are more than 1000 in the state.
- Art, music, drama education and PE are DISAPPEARING from AZ schools.

Why are things so bad?

State funding for education has been impacted by 20 years of mostly corporate tax cuts which have removed \$3.8 billion from the state budget, more than enough to have overcome the recession and prevented cuts to education. Meanwhile, last year, in most counties, property taxes increased because the state is requiring 26% MORE money from counties to support the state budget.

But what about Prop 123?

If passed, Prop 123 would give VUSD \$2.4 million towards base funding. Since 2014, VUSD lost \$3.0 million per year from district charter school funding cuts alone.

What Can I Do?

The most important thing you can do is **VOTE** for Education Friendly Candidates in August and November.

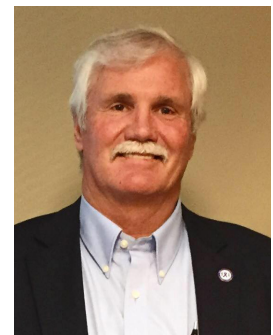
Education Friendly candidates running for AZ Legislature in District 14



Dennis Barger (R)



Mike Holmes (D)



Drew John (R)

- Sign up for the VPN Educational Advocacy Facebook page to **stay informed**
- Fill out a volunteer form to **join VPN**
- **Educate others:** talk about legislation on the playground, discuss budget cuts at sports events, let people know what is happening in our schools