



## TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK CANDIDATES ON SCHOOL FUNDING

1. Is state funding for public schools in Arizona too low, too high, or just about right?
2. Strong financial plans require both income and expenditures. What is your top priority on the revenue side of the ledger for a financial plan for education?
3. Do you support or oppose implementing additional long term, sustainable revenue streams for Arizona's public education system? What types of funding changes would you vote for in the budget or as a referral to voters for public schools?
4. Do you support or oppose the universal expansion of ESA vouchers passed in 2017 and on the ballot as Proposition 305?
5. Are all students in Arizona properly served by our education funding policies? If not, who is being underserved in the current system and how can we address such disparities?
6. Do taxpayers have enough accountability for public district schools? Charter schools? Private schools using tax credits and ESA vouchers? If not, name one thing that should be changed to strengthen accountability.
7. Do you want to make any changes to the allocation of the Prop 301 dedicated sales tax funds?
8. Funding for capital improvements and new construction continues to plague Arizona schools. Should we continue to fund maintenance and repair and new construction based on grants to selected districts each year or should we identify some sort of statewide funding structure?

**9.** The funding trends in Arizona since the Great Recession include growing private school tax credits and ESA vouchers, new tax cuts added annually, and sporadic appropriations for school facility maintenance and repair and new school construction. If you are elected, what trends would you like to create for the next ten years?

**10.** Many Arizona leaders, organizations, and local governments have endorsed the Arizona Education Progress Meter with specific goals in education benchmarks from early education through post-secondary. With our current funding policies are we on track to meet these goals by 2030? Name one change in policy you would promote to move us toward the progress meter goals.

