



FACTS



MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT M&O OVERRIDE CONTINUATION

Not a New Tax Increase

A maintenance and operations (M&O) budget increase allows MUSD to provide additional funding above what the state allocates. The District has had a 10% override in place since 2016. **This requested budget increase is a continuation of the voter approved 2016 override.** It would keep an estimated \$5M per year in the MUSD annual budget through the 2026-2027 school year. Starting in the 2027-2028 school year, the override would reduce by 1/3 until it is completely eliminated at the end of the 2029-2030 school year.

What Will It Cost Homeowners?

The 10% budget override is a continuation of an existing override so it is **not a new tax increase**.

The cost per household for 2021 is approximately **\$11.70 per month** on a home with an assessed value of **\$100K**.



\$ 100K
Assessed Value



\$11.70/Month *

*Using fiscal 2021 assessed valuation data

How Does MUSD Use Override Funding?



Maintain Board Approved
Low Class Size Targets



Invest in Technology



Maintain RAM Academy
Alternative High School
Graduation Program

Fiscally Responsible

MUSD is committed to making responsible decisions that demonstrate accountability and conservative fiscal management. MUSD has consistently operated within all approved budget limits each fiscal year, including the override authority previously given. The override was originally approved by voters in 2016 so, **it will not be a new tax increase for our community** - it has been in place for nearly 4 years.

Did You Know?

According to the Arizona Auditor General, MUSD has one of the lowest administration costs among neighboring districts.

What Happens if the M&O Override Does Not Pass?

If the override is not approved, the current 10% M&O override would continue fully funded through the 2021-2022 school year. Starting in the 2022-2023 school year the override would reduce by 1/3 or approximately \$1.75 million per year until it is completely eliminated at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Ultimately, the loss of override funding would result in:

- A **reduction of teachers and staff** hired to maintain current class size targets
- The **elimination of RAM Academy**, the alternative high school graduation program
- A **reduced capacity to invest in student and instructional technology**

Neighboring Districts With M&O Overrides

Kyrene - 15%

Chandler Unified - 15%

Tempe Elementary - 15%

Tempe Union - 15%

Casa Grande Elementary - 10%

Casa Grande Union High School - 10%

Election Date: November 2, 2021