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Unless Someone Like You Cares A Whole Awful Lot...

**First Things First Conference
August 2016**



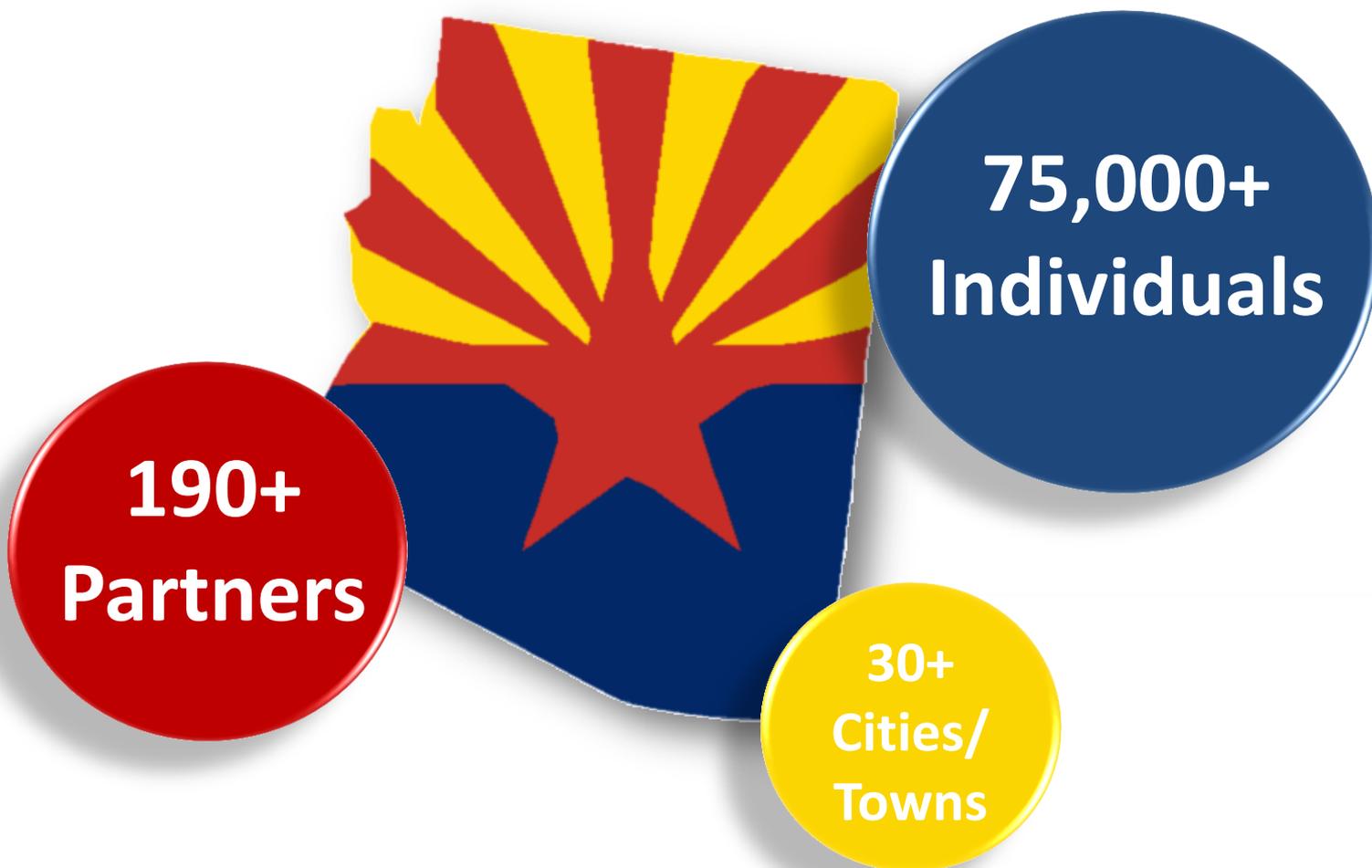
Expect More Arizona is...

A statewide nonpartisan organization dedicated to ensuring every Arizona child receives a world-class education, from the early years through college and career

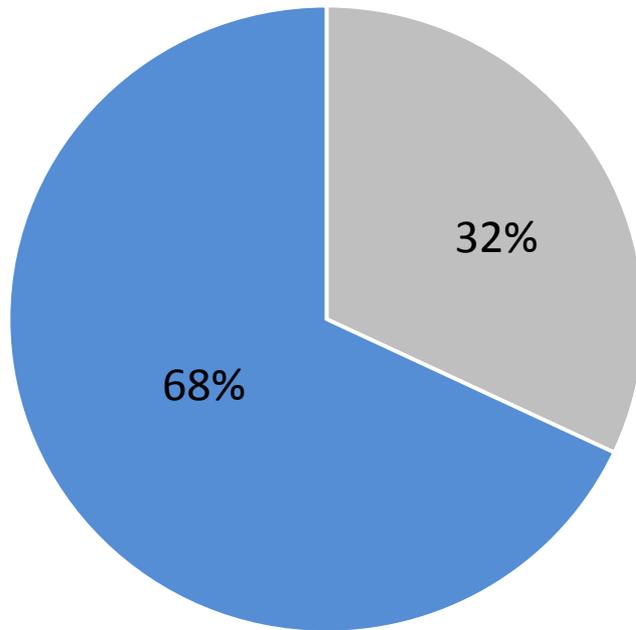


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We're building a movement of people and organizations who will take action to support education.



World-Class Education = World-Class Economy



**68% of all jobs in
Arizona will require
postsecondary
education by 2020.**



Arizona is Making Progress

- Arizona has **raised expectations** for K-12 students in English and Math
- Arizona students are **4th in the nation in reducing the reading gap among low-income students** and **8th in the nation for gains made in 4th grade math**
- Arizona has many nationally recognized district and charter schools as well as community colleges & universities



We Have Work To Do

52%



Arizona high school graduates attend a post-secondary institution

76%



Arizona students graduate from high school on time

34%



Arizona 8th graders passed the AzMERIT math test

40%



Arizona 3rd graders passed the AzMERIT ELA test

37%



3 and 4 year olds enrolled in preschool

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Making a Difference for Our Kids!



Critical Early Education and Literacy Issues This Year

- 📖 Federal Education Bill – *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*
- 📖 State Goal-Setting on Key Indicators
- 📖 State legislation regarding 3rd Grade reading
- 📖 Review and update of Academic Standards
- 📖 Full Day K
- 📖 Protecting funding for early learning



Ways to Impact Education Policy

Elections

- Primary
- General

Legislative Session

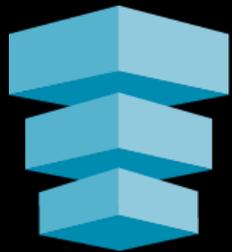
Other

- Public Comment Periods
- Boards, Councils and Task Forces

Encourage engagement in your local communities!



VOTE 4 EDUCATION



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Arizona Voters Say...

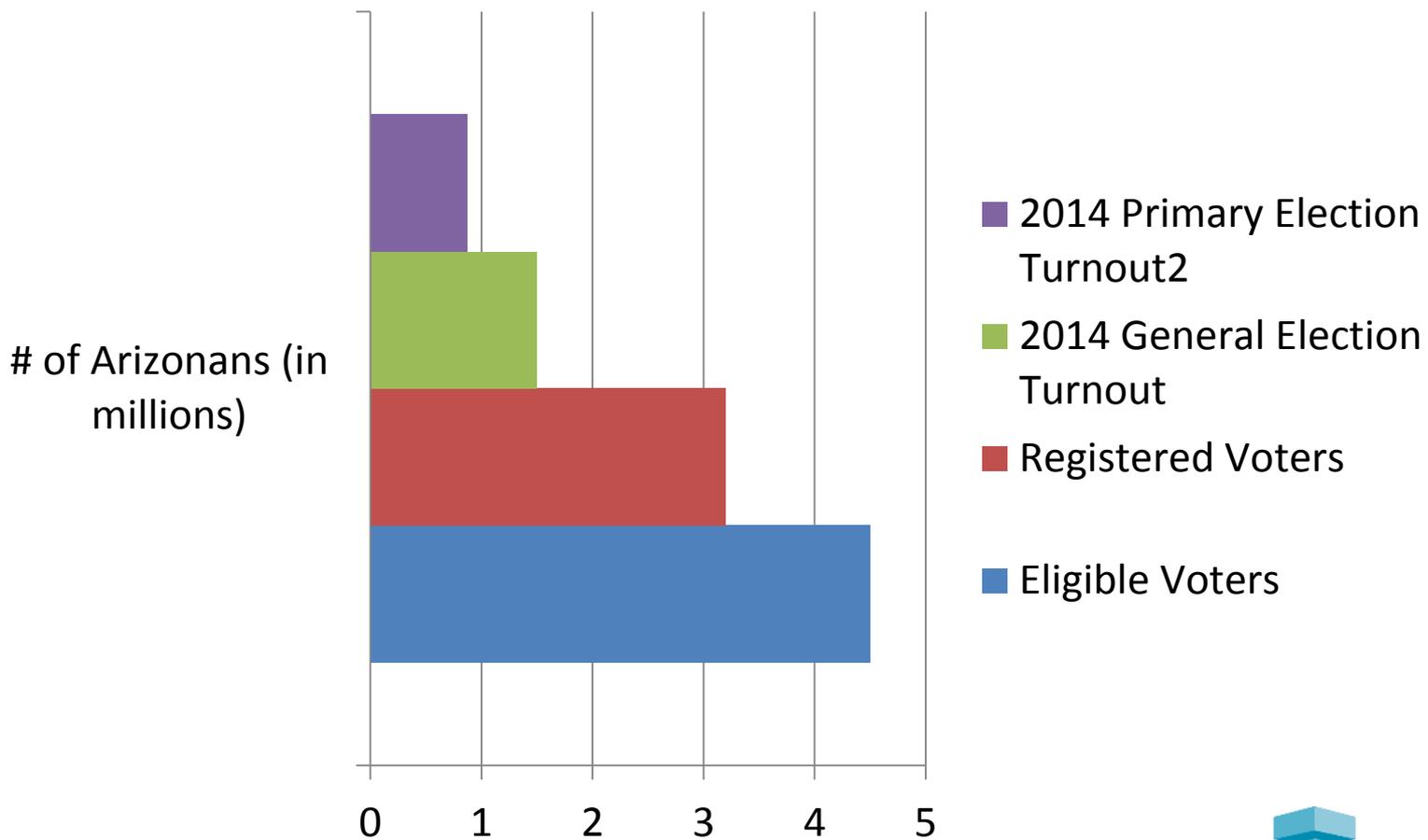
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Above immigration & the economy



Arizona Voter Turnout in 2014



Every Vote Counts!

- Continental Elementary School District Override – lost by 23 votes
- Sahuarita Unified School District Bond – lost by 176 votes
- 2012, 2nd Congressional District race was decided by less than 200 votes
- Prop 123 passed by less than 1% margin



**Arizonans
can make a
difference
by VOTING!**



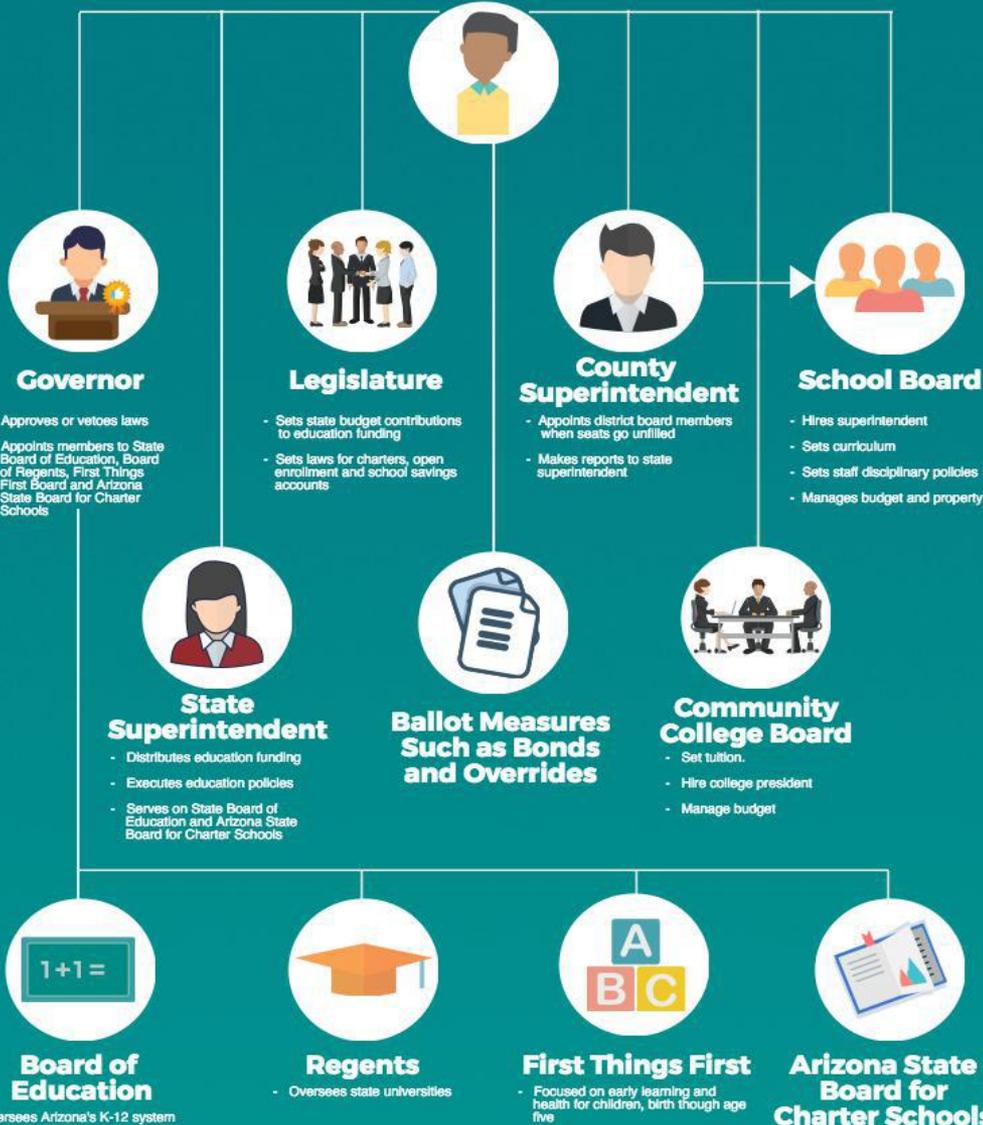
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Your Vote Makes A Difference

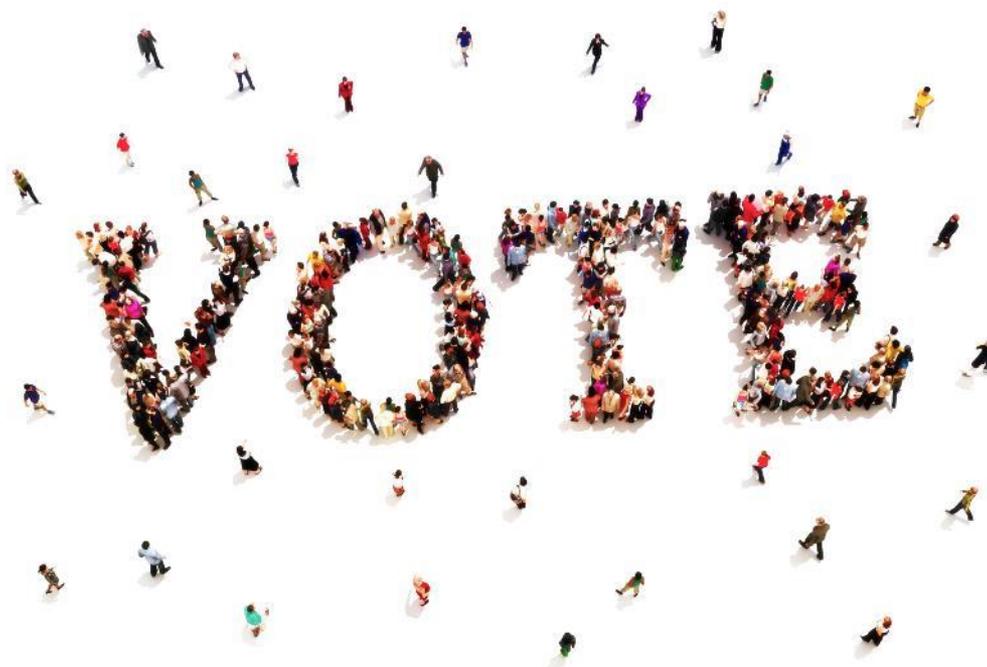


This is how your vote impacts education.

Me
My Vote



2016 Primary Election



Why Vote in the Primary?

- ▣ Candidates are competing for their party's nomination on the General Election ballot
- ▣ **66** out of **90** AZ legislative races are determined in the Primary Election
- ▣ **3** out of **10** registered voters decide who represents us



2016 General Election

Races that Impact Education in Arizona



National

- President
- US Senator
- US Representative



Statewide

- Legislature



Local

- County Superintendent
- School district bond and override measures
- District and Community College Governing Boards



Important Dates

- **August 30** – *Primary Election Day*
- **October 10** – *Last day to register to vote for the General Election*
- **October 12** – *Early voting begins*
- **November 2** – *Recommended last day to mail your ballot for General Election*
- **November 8** – *General Election Day*



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Study Up and Speak Up this Fall



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STUDY UP

SPEAK UP

SHOW UP

TWITTER TOWN HALL

Arizona's future approves this message.

Your vote makes a difference

In Arizona, we have dedicated educators and hard-working students, but they can't do it alone. As voters, our children are counting on us to make sure education is a top priority for our elected leaders.

Enter your information to lookup your legislators & candidates now!

Home Address (123 Any St)

Zip Code

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1, 2, 3: Simple Ways to Promote Language Development with your Baby

August 12, 2016 by Expect More Arizona

Written By: Alexis Boglio, M.A. BCBA Parenthood. As my belly grew each day, I read article after article, book after book and drilled my friends with ...



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You voted! Now what?



Know & Get Involved in the Process

- 2 months after the election, our new state legislature takes office
- Right now, we have 18 Republicans and 12 Democrats in the Senate and 36 Republicans and 24 Democrats in the House
- Run by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House, respectively



It All Starts With...



What's Next?

- ≡ First & Second Reading
 - Formal readings of the bill
- ≡ Assigned to Committees



What Happens in Committee?

- Handle specific issues and report to the full body
- BUT the Chairman has to schedule your bill for a hearing...
- Testify!



Why's This One Special

RULES COMMITTEE

Considers each bill

- Checks for constitutional and format issues

Since EVERY bill goes through, they hold a lot of power



What's the Difference Between a Cactus & a Caucus?

CAUCUS

- Meeting of legislators of the same political party
- Consider legislation as a unit



Then It Hits the Floor

COW

Last chance for amendments

Third/Final Reading



Then We Do It All Again

- Every bill goes through both legislative bodies
- That means even if a bill passes unanimously in the House, it still might never get a hearing in the Senate



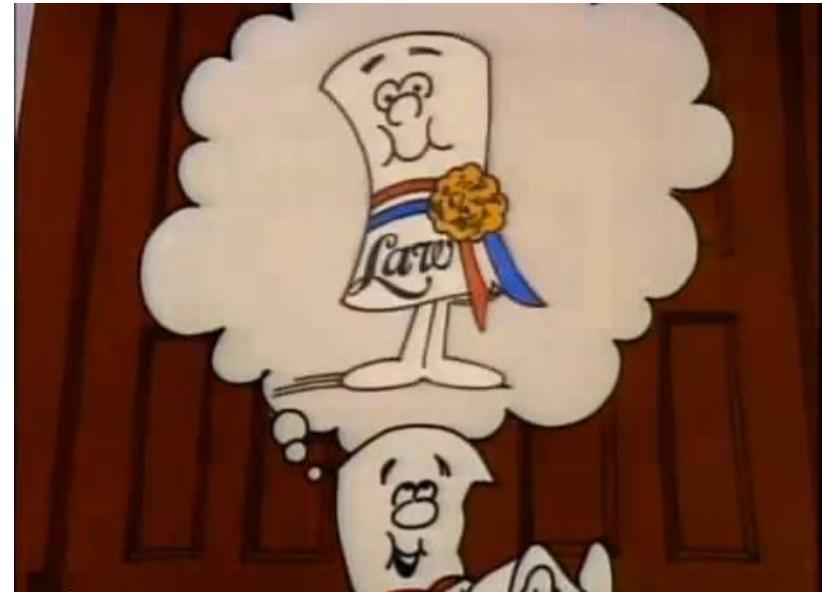
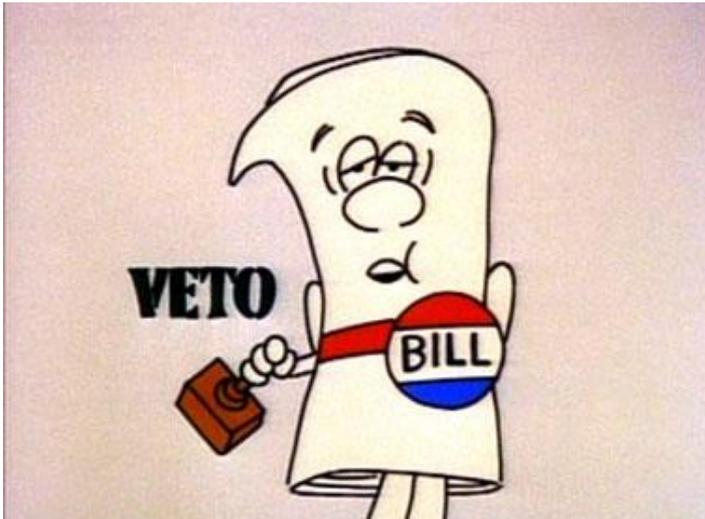
What If There Are Changes

- ☰ One body accepts the others changes or...
- ☰ They go to Conference Committee!
 - Committee of members from both legislative bodies
 - Resolves differences between similar measures passed by both houses



On to the Governor

- Engrossed bill sent to Governor, becomes law with Governor's signature (or if they wait long enough)
- Governor can veto, supermajority vote can override





Every Arizona child deserves a world-class education.

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.



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Make an Advocacy Plan

- What are the 2-3 priority education issues facing your community
- What actions will you take this year?
- Who will you work with in your community?
- How will you elevate the issues and build influence for education advocates locally?



Today, I will become an EMA Advocate!



What does it mean to be an EMA Advocate?

- SIGN UP – *Join a growing statewide movement of education advocates*

- STUDY UP – *Stay informed*
 - Follow us on Facebook and get our communications

- SPEAK UP – *Become a local Spokesperson*

- SHOW UP – *Take action!*



Thank You!

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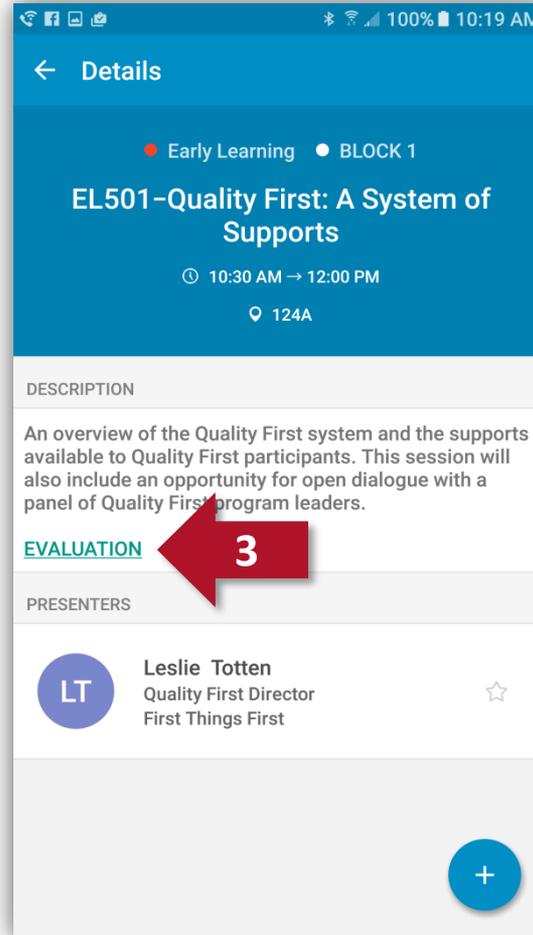
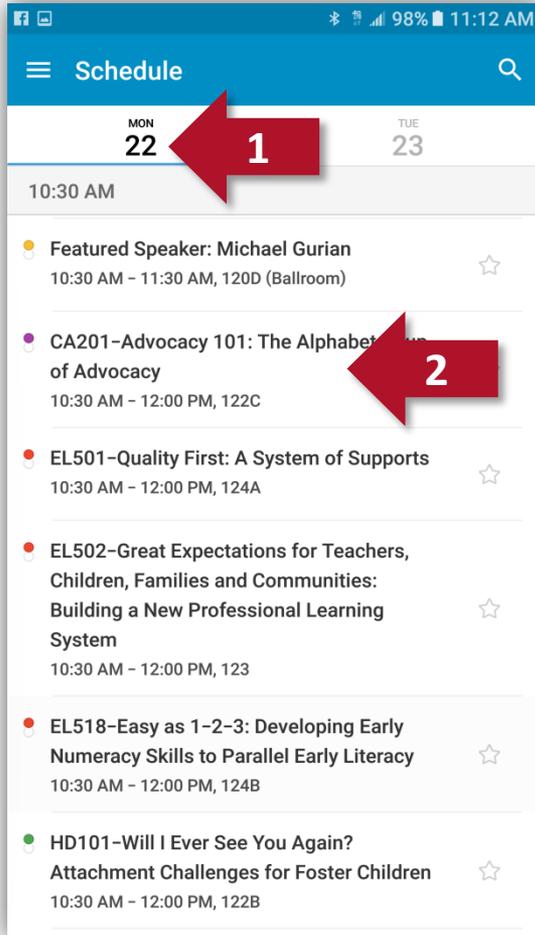
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Long Term Advocacy Priorities Working Draft 6/19/15

Every Arizona child deserves a world-class education, regardless of background, income or zip code. We have tremendous potential to make this vision a reality if we work together. As we've worked with our partners across the state, we've seen a number of areas of agreement emerge. We are committed to championing these priorities in collaboration with our partners to ensure all children receive a world-class education:

Every child's education is funded from the early years up to career to produce excellence

- Maximize existing resources and increase new funding to support excellence for all children in public schools
- Support funding that provides equitable opportunity and access for all children in public schools, is a transparent use of taxpayer dollars, and fosters excellence for all

Every child has access to a great teacher and principal

- Support programs and policies that lead to increased compensation, opportunities for meaningful professional development, full certification/preparation (content, pedagogy, and field experience), high-quality mentoring/induction, and better working conditions to help Arizona in recruiting and retaining high-quality educators
- Support efforts to build and support a strong pipeline of highly effective principals, beginning with low-income schools
- Increase public support for educators to encourage retention in the profession

Every child has access to high quality early learning opportunities to support Kindergarten readiness and literacy development

- Support a Kindergarten Developmental Inventory that is aligned with the Arizona Early Learning Standards and covers all essential domains of school readiness.
- Increase quality pre-school offerings to advance school and literacy readiness

Every 3rd grader is proficient in reading and math

- Make more classroom time available for all Arizona children (e.g. full day Kindergarten, summer learning, extended year or day)
- Make high-quality programs and interventions available to all K-3 students across the state, targeted to those who have the greatest need

Every child graduates from high school prepared for college and career

- Ensure Arizona's academic standards are rigorous, prepare all children for college and career, and are measured with an assessment that is a meaningful indicator of student success
- Develop Arizona's A-F accountability framework to be a meaningful and fair measure of school quality for public district and charter schools that includes multiple measures and is transparent for parents and community members

- Support students in becoming proficient in Algebra I by the 9th grade
- Advocate for services and interventions to support all students in graduating and college/career ready to support students who are at-risk of dropping out or becoming disconnected

Every child has the opportunity to attain a high-quality degree, credential or industry certification

- Make postsecondary education programs accessible and affordable for Arizona children and families (e.g. state supported financial aid, geographic location of programs)
- Provide Arizona children multiple pathways to attain a degree, credential or certification that are rigorous, aligned to workforce needs, and allow more children to attain a degree/credential (partnerships with community colleges and universities, JTEDs, CTE programs, and school districts, etc.)



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MY PERSONAL EDUCATION ADVOCACY PLAN

1. My name is _____
2. I live in _____ Congressional District, _____ State District and in _____ school district. NOTE: You can find this info at <http://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>
3. My Elected Officials are:
 - a. Governor: Doug Ducey – 602-542-4331 or 520-628-6580 or e-mail: engage@az.gov
 - b. US Senators: _____
 - c. Congressman: _____
 - d. My School Board Members are: _____

Name of State Legislator	Phone number	Email

4. The 2-3 priority education issues that I will prioritize this year are:

5. These are the actions I will take this year to advocate for the above priority issues (circle all that apply):

Email policymakers when needed Support or oppose bills through RTS Testify at a hearing

Attend an education Lobby Day Speak to media when needed Share information with friends

Host an advocacy training for my friends and colleagues
6. Here are the community leaders I need to engage on my issue:

7. These are things I would like from EMA (i.e. training, social media or email content, collateral, etc):

NOTE: Take a picture of this plan and email it to Geoff@ExpectMoreArizona.org. EMA can help you achieve your advocacy goals.

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Governor

- Approves or vetoes laws
- Appoints members to State Board of Education, Board of Regents, First Things First Board and Arizona State Board for Charter Schools



Legislature

- Sets state budget for education funding
- Sets laws for education



County Superintendent

- Appoints school district board members when seats go unfilled
- Provides support to local schools



School Board

- Hires superintendent
- Sets curriculum
- Sets staff disciplinary policies
- Manages budget and property



State Superintendent

- Distributes education funding
- Implements education policies
- Serves on State Board of Education and Arizona State Board for Charter Schools



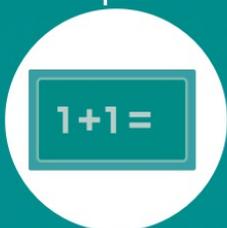
Ballot Measures Such as Bonds and Overrides

- Provides additional funding to school districts



Community College Board

- Sets tuition.
- Hires college president
- Manages budget



Board of Education

- Sets policies for Arizona's K-12 system



Regents

- Sets tuition
- Hires university presidents



First Things First

- Provides funding and programs for early education and health



Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

- Grants charter status to qualifying applicants and oversees charter schools