

CONNECTING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY

PARTNERS WITH TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## focus

### Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Kenneth R. Baca

While many of us are still coming to terms with the recent legislation that impacts funding to our public schools, I wish to highlight one area that may have gone unnoticed. The final budget passed and signed into law reduces Joint Technological Education District (JTED) funding in 2016-2017. As many of you know, JTED funding is used to subsidize over 100 Career & Technical Education (CTE) classes in every Tempe Union school.

Schools in Arizona currently receive funding based on the number of students enrolled in both the school district and in CTE programs. This funding will be cut by 7.5%. In addition to the 7.5% cut, the current funding level will be reduced by 3%. As the legislation now stands, this means a total loss of \$2,726,415 in funding for CTE programs in Tempe Union.

As business partners, you know the importance of preparing students for college, career and life. You also understand the value of CTE programs. While this cut does not go into effect until 2016-17, next year’s legislature may reverse the budget cut if enough business and school officials explain its negative impact to our future workforce. It is my hope that Tempe Union can continue to offer the number and variety of CTE classes and programs that help to make us the premier high school district in the State of Arizona.

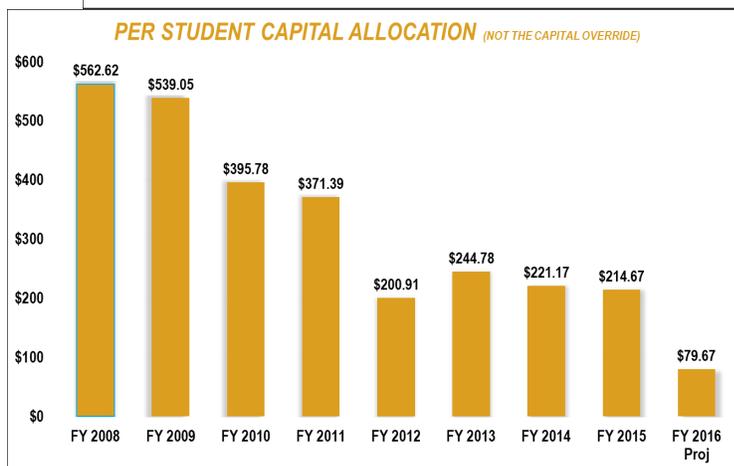
**[IN]terested in [IN]spiring Students?** Tempe/Kyrene Business Advisory Council has started meeting with Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers in Tempe Union, and STEM teachers in Tempe Elementary and Kyrene School Districts to implement a “reverse internship” program. Business leaders have the opportunity to inspire and prepare students for college and career readiness by presenting a business idea to a class, brainstorming problem-solving methods and developing a solution. Business leaders will work in the classroom on a monthly basis to provide expertise and guidance as the project is developed. Students will present the finished project and make final preparations for implementation into the business. Programs include mobile applications, bio-science, construction, finance, graphics design, film and TV and fashion design. Business professionals can [in]spire students as guest speakers in the classroom, serving on an advisory committee, hosting a worksite tour, participating in high school career and science fairs or judging student organization events. *[IN]terested? Contact Dianne Welling at [dwelling@tempeunion.org](mailto:dwelling@tempeunion.org)*

### Citizens Financial Advisory Committee

The TUHSD Citizens Financial Advisory Committee has been holding meetings to examine educational funding for TUHSD, consider current and proposed program offerings, and recommend a course of action for the Governing Board that may or may not include a recommendation to seek a special override election for capital outlay. If the Committee’s recommendation for the Governing Board is to seek a District Additional Assistance (capital) override, the initiative should be one that can be strongly supported by our District businesses and communities.

State Capital Funding Formulas provided to schools have been reduced by the legislature over the last nine years. TUHSD’s per student amounts allocated by the funding formulas for capital needs are shown in the chart (right). In 2015-2016, the \$79.67 per student State Capital Funding Formula amount provides TUHSD with approximately \$1M for capital needs. For districts with voter approved capital overrides, these funds are in addition to the capital funding generated by the State Capital Funding Formulas. Voter approved capital overrides expire after 7 years.

HOW ARIZONA’S CAPITAL FUNDING FORMULA CHANGES HAVE IMPACTED TUHSD



TUHSD’s current capital override is set to expire at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. It provides \$6M **annually** to address capital needs. If TUHSD does **not** ask voters to approve a Capital Override in November 2015, the only funding that will be available to address capital needs for the 2016-2017 school year will have to come from the State Capital Funding Formulas (estimated to continue at approximately \$1M for TUHSD in 2016-2017). Get [IN]volved...scroll down to “Advocacy” on page 2.

## Advocacy...Important for Education Tempe/Kyrene Business Advisory Council

Over the past year, the three district Superintendents have worked diligently with the Tempe/Kyrene Business Advisory Council (TKBAC) educating business leaders on the importance of advocacy for education.

What is “advocacy”? The act or process of supporting a cause or proposal. Advocacy is a joint venture. Engaging as many people as possible *in fact-based* advocacy is the best way to ensure budgets, laws, policies, services and practices meet the needs of children, youth and families. TKBAC is dedicated to learning the facts, educating community members, and advocating for our youth.

The following are key components to successful advocacy:

- ◆ Know your facts. Convey the positive impact that taxes make, such as neighborhoods with healthy schools, after school programs, well maintained neighborhoods, etc.
- ◆ Utilize social media with positive messaging. It's all about the messaging!
- ◆ Develop and use a common voice in support of public education. Create talking points to ensure consistent messages.
- ◆ Engage all groups. Advocacy is not the place for being shy. Make sure you spread the word—through meetings with government officials, letters, petitions, rallies, and phone calls. Talk about subjects for which you are advocating—at dinner parties and social events, you never know who can become a useful ally.
- ◆ Show your support. Promote the tri-districts’ activities, events and education foundations.
- ◆ Most importantly, **exercise your right to vote.** Make your voice heard!



## SPOT LIGHT CORNER: Bridging Partnerships



ADM Group, Inc.  
Ahwatukee Chamber  
Arizona Diamondbacks  
Arizona Game & Fish  
Chasse Building Team  
City of Tempe  
Commitment to Schools  
CORE Construction  
Cox Communications  
DH Pace  
Fiesta Bowl Charities  
Freeport-McMoRan  
Grand Canyon University  
HDA Architects  
Honeywell  
Insight  
Intel  
Landings Credit Union  
McCarthy Construction  
Pascua-Yaqui Council  
Progressive Services  
RICOH  
Rio Salado College  
Safeway Foundation  
SPS+ Architects  
Sundt Foundation  
TCH  
Tempe Diablos  
Western Growers  
Wholesale Floors  
Whole Foods

## [IN]volved in Our Community

For more than 25 years, the Tempe Diablos have recognized educators and staff who have dedicated their energy, enthusiasm, creativity and time to the students of Tempe Union High School District, Tempe Elementary and Kyrene School District. The finalists for the **26th Annual Excellence in Education Awards** have been announced. A record-setting 253 teachers, administrators and staff from the tri-districts were nominated for their outstanding contributions. Nominations were submitted by peers, principals and students in a variety of categories. A panel of retired teachers and administrators served as judges to carefully select the finalists. The Diablos will present more than \$30,000 to the winning educators at *Tempe Center for the Arts* on **May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**



The event will be streamed live on [www.tempediablos.org](http://www.tempediablos.org).

**SPONSOR A STUDENT**—TUHSD and ASU School of Sustainability are committed to advancing sustainability education. This investment and approach prepares students to think in entrepreneurial, socially progressive, and conscientious manners that achieve high scholastic and applied marks. Sustainability students from Tempe High School will have the opportunity to participate in a summer program to earn college credits as well as a practicum during the school year. If you are interested in sponsoring a student for this program, please contact Jessica Hauer at 480-839-0292 Ext. 11024.

### [IN] the Know

97% of the students enrolled in CTE classes graduate and go on to higher education



**[IN]terested in a partnership** with Tempe Union High School District?

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