TODAY’S AGENDA

2023 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

2024 PREVIEW
• What we know

EDUCATION POLICY LANDSCAPE

Q & A
2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BY THE NUMBERS

- 204 DAYS IN SESSION
- 1675 MEASURES INTRODUCED
- 348 BILLS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR
- 205 BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW
- GENERATIVE EFFECTIVE DATE: OCT 30
- 143 RECORD VETOES
2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

• The approved $17.8 billion approved budget prioritized one-time spending over ongoing spending.

• Six months later, state facing $1 billion deficit (+ or -)

2023 Funding Snapshot:

- $610 M Transportation
- $300 M K-12 Public Schools
- + $250 M $150 M Housing Trust Fund & $60 M Homelessness Fund
- $260 M Personal Tax Rebate ($250/dependent)
READING THE TEA LEAVES

DIVIDED GOVERNMENT

AGENCY SUNSETS

FISCAL SHORTFALL

2024 ELECTION
FY 24-25

BUDGET FORECAST

• FY 24 budget: $17.8B bipartisan budget - “Oprah” approach
• The new forecast (FY25) projects a $407 m shortfall in FY24 (current budget year) & nearly $1b shortfall (FY24 & FY25)
• JLBC has not recommended any adjustments to the FY24 budget but is monitoring spending, including the ESA program.
• Continuing shift of K-12 spending to General Fund (Charters; ESAs)
• Rainy Day Fund Balance: $1.5 B
• State agency cuts, claw backs of FY24 budget
K-12 LEGISLATIVE THEMES

MANDATES

CHOICE

ACCOUNTABILITY

SCHOOL FINANCE

CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION
POLICY LANDSCAPE
(what we know & what we don’t know)

TOP OF MIND (K-12)
• Aggregate Expenditure Limit Proposal (Extend again or Fix)
• Universal ESA – Accountability/Transparency measures
• Workforce Readiness
• Prop 123 Extension to the ballot – Teacher Pay Raises (other staff)
• Title 15 “reforms”

GOVERNOR’S PRIORITIES
• ESA Guarantees
• Teacher and Support Staff Pay Increases
• Workforce Development
LEADERS IN K-12

Ken Bennett (R)  Senate Education Chair
Beverly Pingerelli (R)  House Education Chair
Jennifer Pawlik (D)  House Education
Christine Marsh (D)  House Education
Nancy Gutierrez D)  House Education
Judy Schwiebert D)  House Education
ADE AGENDA

- Graduation Requirements
- Career and Technical Education Focus
- Dual Language fight

DUAL LANGUAGE

- Ongoing lawsuit
- ADE FY 25 budget request
  Request to add 12 full-time employees to: “train teachers in the most effective ways to teach English learners.”
- Anna Tovar
  - State Board of Education
  - First Latina to hold statewide office when she won Commissioner race for ACC
  - Former teacher at Tolleson Elementary
SOUTHERN AZ
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

LD 21
• Senator Rosanna Gabaldon (D)
• Rep. Consuelo Hernandez (D)
• Rep. Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

LD 20
• Senator Sally Ann Gonzales (D)
• Rep. Alma Hernandez (D)
• Rep. Betty Villegas (D)

LD 18
• Senator Priya Sundareshan (D)
• Rep. Nancy Gutierrez (D)
• Rep. Chris Mathis (D)

LD 16
• Senator TJ Shope (R)
• Rep. Teresa Martinez (R)
• Rep. Keith Seaman (D)

LD 17
• Senator Justine Wadsack (R)
• Rep. Rachel Jones (R)
• Rep. Cory McGarr (R)
**SESSION TIMELINE**

- **JAN 8**
  - opening day

- **JAN - FEB**
  - bill introduction deadlines

- **FEB**
  - bills move to 2nd chamber

- **MARCH**
  - deadline to consider bills in 2nd chamber

- **APRIL**
  - conference committees 100th day