



## 2021 OVERRIDE FACTS

A maintenance and operations budget override allows Liberty Elementary School District voters to approve additional funding above what the state provides.

Maintenance and operations funds pay for the District's day-to-day expenses such as employee salaries and benefits, utilities, and supplies.

This 10% budget override has been in place since 1983. The requested budget override would allow the district to continue to exceed its budget by 10% (\$2.4 million), with a secondary tax rate approximately equal to the current rate.

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# WHAT COULD THE BUDGET CONTINUATION DO?

### RETAIN

#### AND ATTRACT QUALITY TEACHERS & STAFF

Provide competitive salaries to teachers and staff

### MAINTAIN

#### SMALL CLASS SIZES

Average class size in Liberty Elementary School District is 27:1 or less

### CONTINUE

#### INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- Art, music, and PE classes for all children
- Full-day kindergarten
- After-school sports and clubs

### HOW MUCH WILL THE OVERRIDE COST HOMEOWNERS?

The proposed continuation of the override is estimated to be \$10.43 per month OR \$126.00 per year for the average home value of \$176,790.

\* Based on an estimated tax rate of \$0.71 per \$100 assessed valuation (home assessed value divided by \$1,000 X \$0.71).

### IF THE 10% OVERRIDE IS APPROVED, HOW WOULD IT BE USED?

An approved override would allow the district to maintain support for teacher and support staff salaries to ensure the district can continue to hire the best people.

Art, music, and physical education classes are funded entirely by Override funds. These classes promote critical thinking, creativity, and health.

### IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

**OCT**  
**4**

Last day to register to vote. Visit online [azsos.gov/elections](http://azsos.gov/elections).

**OCT**  
**6**

Ballots will be mailed to registered voters.

**NOV**  
**2**

**ELECTION DAY**  
Ballots must be received by this date.

## Did You Know...



100% of all override funds go to teacher compensation for student programs - \$0 to administrative costs.



LESD spends more money in the classroom than peer districts and the state.



District administrative costs are the lowest among all other peer districts.



LESD receives less revenue-per-student than average districts in the State of Arizona. (2019 Auditor General Report)