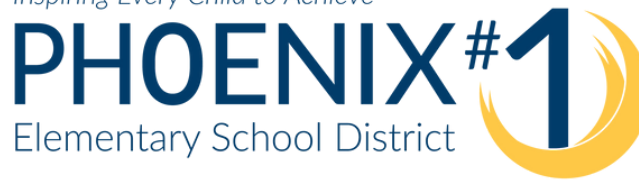


Inspiring Every Child to Achieve



OCTOBER 2, 2025 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

**RECAP**

HERRERA AND KENILWORTH STUDENTS JOIN VOICES FOR A STUNNING CHOIR PERFORMANCE

What a beautiful night of music and collaboration! Fifth and sixth graders from Herrera School for the Arts, led by Ms. Morgan Goettl, joined seventh and eighth graders from Kenilworth, led by Ms. Amanda Bagley, to form one big choir and perform together for the first time. Their voices blended perfectly, and you'd never guess it was their debut as a combined group! A big thank you to Ms. Goettl and Ms. Bagley for leading this effort, and to all the families and staff who came out to support our talented students and celebrate the importance of the arts.



➤➤➤ SEPTEMBER S.T.A.R AWARDS (SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION)



Renae Perry
*ESS Self-Contained Teacher
Herrera*

Ms. Perry consistently goes above and beyond for both her students and colleagues.



Angel Diaz Villezcas
*Instructional Assistant I
Herrera*

Angel demonstrates an outstanding ability to support our students with high emotional needs.



Lauren Simpson
*5th Grade Teacher
Kenilworth*

Mrs. Simpson's positive energy and contagious smile make our campus a brighter place.



Jordan Mildener
*ESS Instructional Assistant II
Kenilworth*

Jordan's kindness, compassion, and nurturing approach make her an invaluable member of our school community.

>>> CAFECITOS/COFFEE TALKS

Emerson's Coffee with the Principal led to connection and communication. Thanks to all who joined as Principal Gofonia discussed Progress Report Readiness with parents and encouraged them to volunteer and get involved.



Capitol had a great Coffee with the Principal with parents! We discussed our family pact, the volunteer clearance process, student data including reading and math performance, attendance trends, and the impact downtown construction will have on school parking.



Bethune is grateful for all who joined us at our very first Coffee Talk. Principal Sells reviewed October events, answered questions, and listened to parents' concerns.



Faith North hosted our first Coffee Talk with the Principal! Families came together to connect, share ideas, and learn more about the amazing partnerships that support our community. A big thank you to Special Olympics Arizona and First Things First for joining us and highlighting how they work hand-in-hand with our school to benefit students and families.



➤➤➤ PHOENIX #1 BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY PARTNER LUNCHEON

Thank you to all our community and business partners for attending our September 16th luncheon at Phoenix #1. We appreciate you taking the time to listen to where we've been and learn about where we're going next. Thanks for your support. We are all Phoenix #1!



>>> GRANDPARENTS DAY AT WHITTIER

Cue the awwww. Thank you to all our students' grandparents for being an important part of our school community. We celebrated with special coloring pages, snacks, and snapped some adorable pictures of the special event.



>>> GOODIES WITH GRANDPARENTS AT HERRERA

It was so nice to meet our students' grandparents during our Goodies with Grandparents event! Thank you for being invested in your grandchild's education and part of our school community! Your involvement makes a difference.



>>> STUDENTS OF THE MONTH AT EMERSON

We celebrated our August 2025 Students of the Month winners with an awards ceremony. Congratulations to all these hardworking students who show kindness, responsibility, and positive attitudes!



>>> BINGO NIGHT AT SHAW MONTESSORI

Shaw Montessori's Pasta & Bingo Night was a huge success! Families filled the room for an evening of fun, laughter, and community. Students stepped up by selling snacks and helping guide the event, showing the independence and responsibility they practice every day at school. It was such a wonderful turnout!



>>> FIELD DAY AT BETHUNE

All grades had a blast during Bethune Field Day! We ran fast, jumped high, and learned how to be a good teammate. These games were fun and taught us to work together.

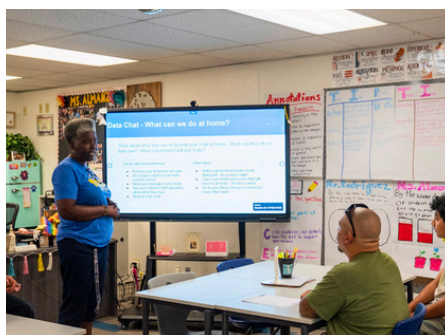


>>> TITLE I/ CURRICULUM NIGHT

Lowell had an amazing turnout for their Title I Data Night. Families came together to learn more about student progress and ways to support learning at home. By dividing the sessions, everyone had the chance to engage more closely and connect with teachers and staff. Thank you to all who joined us.

Emerson had a wonderful Title 1 / Curriculum Night! Families came together to learn about classroom goals, resources, and ways to support student success. Thank you to everyone who joined us in making learning a true family partnership.

Capitol families first learned more about Title I, then gathered in the cafeteria to enjoy snacks, connect with their teachers, and meet community partners like Phoenix Public Library and Chicanos Por La Causa. Thank you to everyone who came out to support learning and community.



Lowell



Emerson



Capitol

>>> DIAMONDBACKS SURPRISE AT CAPITOL

Big day at Capitol Elementary! Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Ryan Thompson, D-backs staff, mascot Baxter, and Avnet surprised Ms. Freed with a \$1,000 check for classroom books. This is part of the Read Your Way to the Ballpark program. Her students celebrated with reading, baseball, and lots of smiles!



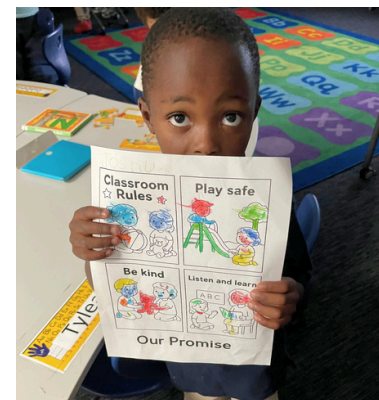
>>> SENATOR RUBEN GALLEGOS VISIT TO GARFIELD

Our students had the opportunity to meet U.S. Senator Ruben Gallegos! They asked thoughtful questions about his life, family, and career, while also learning about his journey to public service. Thank you, Senator Gallegos, for taking the time to encourage our future leaders!



>>> CONSTITUTION DAY AT BETHUNE

Bethune celebrated Constitution Day by learning about the importance of the U.S. Constitution and how it shapes our country. To bring the lesson to life, students worked together to create their own classroom constitution, setting rules and values to guide their year. What a great way to connect history with collaboration and responsibility!



>>> GARFIELD'S TRADE SCHOOL CAREER DAY

Thank you to construction workers from Chasse, police officers, retail, beauty industry, and trade school professionals who visited Garfield's 7th & 8th graders for Trade School Career Day. What a great way to learn about career options, ask questions, and get inspired to take charge of our future.



➤➤➤ APS SUPPLY MY CLASS GRANT SURPRISES

Phoenix Rising FC soccer player Remi Cabral and Arizona Public Service representatives shocked Herrera 4th grade teacher Ms. Flower and her students with big news! She's one of the APS Supply My Class grant recipients, which awards selected K-12 teachers a prepaid \$500 gift card for their classrooms.



Congratulations to Ms. Mallet at Lowell for also winning an APS Supply My Class grant! Teachers often spend their own money on classroom supplies, so this program aims to relieve that stress.



➤➤➤ READING REWARD

First and second-grade students who are part of the Kenilworth Reading Intervention program got the chance to see the "Junie B. Jones: 1st Grader" book come to life thanks to Valley Youth Theatre. The cast put on a performance of the popular New York Times bestselling book series and had a great Q&A with us. Kenilworth extends its gratitude to Valley Youth Theatre and the "Literacy and the Arts" donors for making these opportunities free for Kenilworth students!



➤➤➤ SHADOW THE PRINCIPAL AT GARFIELD

Garfield Principal Jennifer Sumida participated in the City of Phoenix's Partner with a Principal program. Her guest, Mr. Liam Westra, shadowed her for the day. The program aims to help each other understand the challenges and opportunities in education, encourage collaboration, quality improvement, and community engagement.



➤➤➤ BROPHY FRESHMAN CLEAN UP EMERSON GARDEN

Brophy College Preparatory freshman traveled three miles up the road to Emerson for their Brophy Service Day. Thank you for helping clean up our garden.



»»» WATER SAFETY: YMCA SWIM LESSONS FOR MAGNET STUDENTS

A new initiative gives Magnet Traditional School students the opportunity to take swim lessons. With their guardian's permission, the Valley of the Sun YMCA will pick them up and take them to the Legacy Foundation Chris-Town YMCA pool after school. What a great way to provide equitable access to kids who may not have the chance otherwise to take these important classes.



»»» HERRERA GREAT SKATE

Students from Herrera had a blast at Great Skate! Thank you to everyone who came out to make it such a fun and memorable day!



»»» STATES AND CAPITALS DAY

Our 3rd graders in Arizona had a very special Zoom call with 4th graders all the way in Alabama! They shared fun facts about their states — from the Grand Canyon to sweet southern history — and made some new friends across the country in the process! It was a beautiful reminder that no matter how many miles apart we are, we're all connected through learning, curiosity, and community. Let's keep building bridges, state by state, heart by heart. Here's to growing together and celebrating the spirit of our nation! Special thank you to Educational Snacks for helping cultivate this connection!



>>> DELIVERING DREAMS BUS AT WHITTIER

Huge thanks to Delivering Dreams AZ for making a difference at Whittier Elementary! About 50 of our students received brand new shoes, clothes, and hygiene products. Even better, they got to try everything on to make sure it fits just right! We are so grateful for this partnership and the joy it brought to our students.



>>> CHOIR COLLABORATION

North High School Choir Director Ms. Tamika Boyett and her students visited Ms. April Pettit's 7th and 8th graders at Whittier for choir rehearsal! The goal of this partnership is to create meaningful connections and encourage more of our students to continue with choir at the high school level. Thank you, Mustangs!



>>> PHOENIX #1 NIGHT AT THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM

Nearly 500 students, staff, and their families showed up for Phoenix #1 Night at the Musical Instrument Museum in North Phoenix on October 1. Thank you to the MIM for this free special event. We all enjoyed the outstanding student performances by Whittier, Edison, Garfield, and Herrera students.



Whittier



Edison



Garfield



Herrera

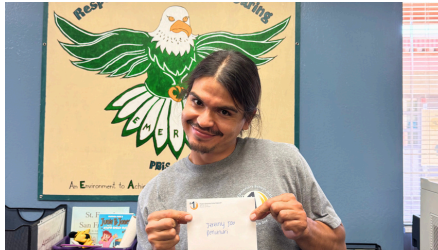


>>> OCT. 2: NATIONAL SCHOOL CUSTODIAN DAY

District leaders delivered a token of appreciation to each school site and snapped photos of the custodian teams dedicated to our Phoenix #1 mission. We appreciate their hard work in keeping our school spaces clean, safe, and sanitary.



Shaw



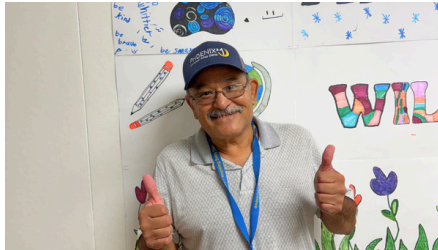
Emerson



Faith North



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Bethune



Emerson Court



Garfield



Herrera

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DR. DEBORAH GONZALEZ

I am pleased to continue to review our student outcomes, see the progress we are making in establishing healthy fiscal management practices, and celebrate our terrific partnerships that are supporting our work.

Speaking of partnerships, we had an amazing night at the Musical Instrument Museum on October 1. The museum staff loved our students and families, and cannot wait to arrange another night with us!

I have also been meeting a lot of our community members at a variety of different community events the past couple of months. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the various groups who have welcomed me or who have come to business partner lunches, social gatherings, cafécitos or PTO meetings, and who have shared their ideas and insights about what makes our district a great place to learn and grow together. The input from our community is critical in helping us ensure we are providing the very best for our children, staff, and families.

To acknowledge staff members who make sure our children are getting the very best, we celebrated National School Custodian Day on October 2. Our school custodians are critical to making sure students have clean, safe, and welcoming environments in which to learn. We surprised custodians with little gift bags and thank you cards.

October is School Leaders Month. I am so proud of the work we are doing collectively to improve student outcomes, to be wise stewards of our taxpayer dollars, and to create a district environment that is welcoming and safe for everyone. Our School Leaders are integral to each of these points, so I want to acknowledge their day-to-day work for our students. We cannot improve student performance, cannot create welcoming environments, and we cannot use our resources wisely, without the side by side collaboration with our principals.



ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE APPROVED INCLUDING:

1. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll Vouchers in the total amount of \$4,652,979.55 (Policy: DKA)
2. Request Approval or Ratification of Expense Vouchers in the total amount of \$4,718,760.72 (Policy: DKA)
3. Request Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds (Policy: JJF-R)
4. Request Approval of the Purchase of Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) From Enterprise Networks Solutions (Policy: DJE)
5. Request Approval of the Purchase of PESD#1 Bus Chargers from Veregy, LLC (Policy: DJE)
6. Request Approval of Awarding Contract RFP PESD 25-1-30 Mass Messaging Service to Active Internet Technologies, DBA Finalsite (Policy: DJE-R)
7. Request Approval of Grade-Banded Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year (Policy: JFB)
8. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff (Policies: GCF, GDF)
9. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position (Policies: GCF, GDF)
10. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements (Policies: GCQC, GDQC, GDQB)
11. Request Approval of School - Out-of-District/County/State or Overnight Field Trips (Policy: IJOA)
12. Request Approval for Staff Out-of-State Travel for Professional Development (Policy: GCCE)
13. Request Approval of Consent Agenda (Policy: BEDB)

Sale/Lease/Exchange of District Real Estate

The sale, lease and exchange of Phoenix #1 District real estate will be on the November 2025 ballot. A “yes” vote gives the District more flexibility to make the best use of its properties and ensure resources support students, teachers, and schools without raising taxes. ***The District does not intend to sell properties, but is interested in utilizing available land for long-term leases. The Governing Board has stated it does not intend to sell the properties.***

What does voter approval give the District permission to do?

1. Enter into long-term leases (21-99 years) of usable school property, allowing the District to responsibly manage its property to generate revenue that can be reinvested directly into student learning.
2. Sell the property, understanding that proceeds must go towards bond debt repayment and reinvestment into buildings.
3. Exchange the property for other real estate

What can lease revenue be used for?

If approved, the District could use the money from leases to:

1. Construct or improve buildings or classrooms
2. Purchase school buses or other vehicles
3. Cover other district expenses, including upgrading safety infrastructure, programming and necessary staff (i.e. preschool, afterschool enrichment)

Current District Properties' Lease Agreements

Leased Properties	Leasee	Square Footage Leased	% of Building Leased	Price Paid per Square Foot
Booker T. Washington / 1201 E. Jefferson St.	Phoenix New Times	36,000	100%	\$6.54
Phoenix Preparatory Academy / 735 E. Fillmore	ASU Preparatory Academy	169,898	100%	\$3.74
Heard Elementary / 2301 W. Thomas Road	Beyond Autism	13,809	19%	\$20.00
Monterey Park / 2301 E. Monte Vista Road	Valley of the Sun YMCA	11,854	100%	\$15.54*
*Represented as in-kind services				

Total Revenue Generated From Current Leases - \$1,088,256

Revenue from Leases used to:

- Supplement Preschool: \$430,000
- Supplement After School Enrichment (Sports): \$60,000
- Transportation for District Field Experiences: \$10,000
- Training Support for FACE Team Members: \$2500
- New Teacher Mentoring: \$30,000
- New Programming Start Up Cost: \$250,000
- Ann Ott Development: \$100,000



- The Governing Board approved the Superintendent's Performance Based Pay for the 2024-2025 School Year (Policy: CBI).
- The Governing Board approved the FY25 Phoenix #1 [Annual Financial Report \(AFR\)](#).

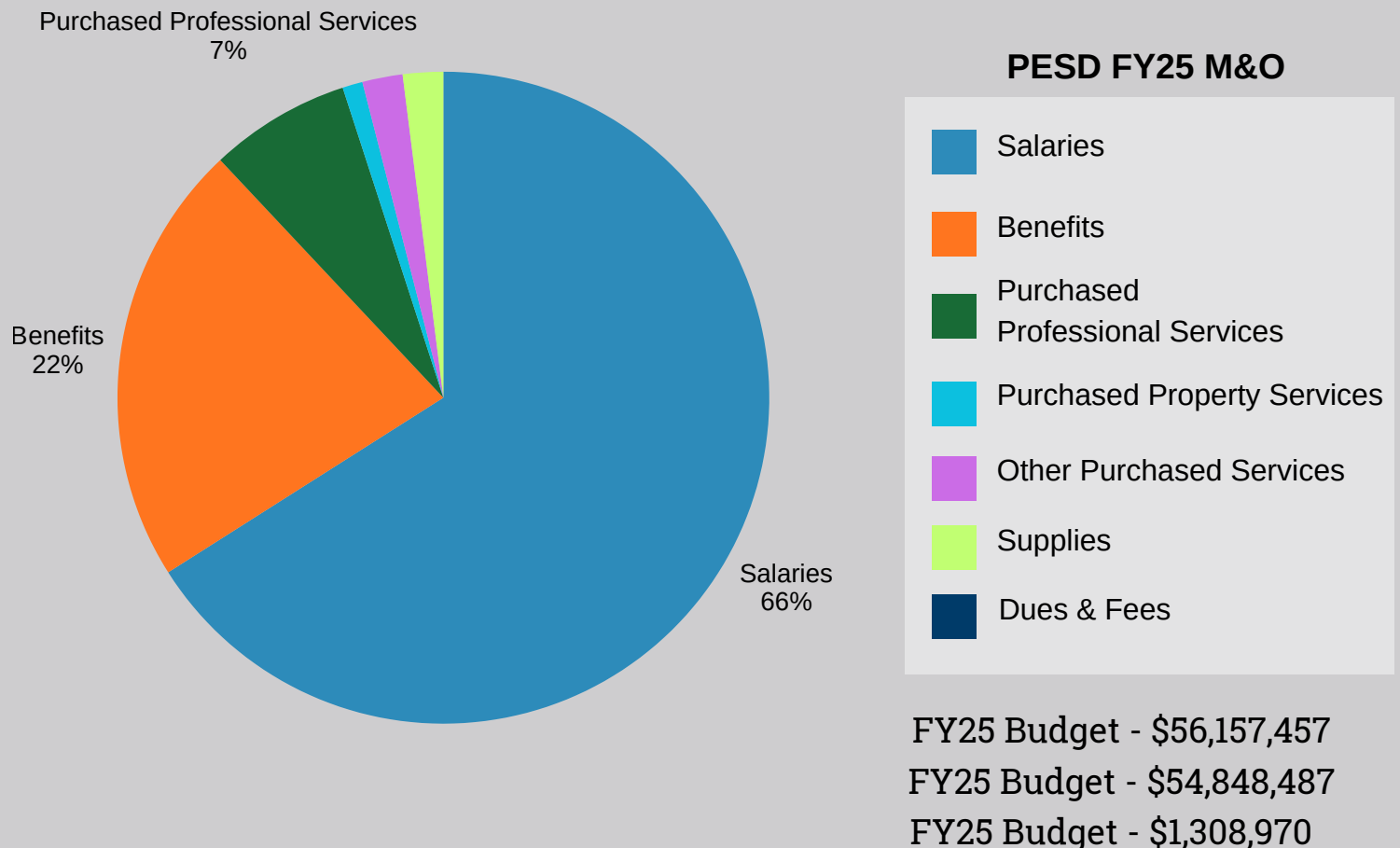
What is the AFR?

AFR is the acronym for Annual Financial Report. It's state law (Statute 15-904) that requires the governing board of each school district to publish the AFR, which includes expenses of goods and services for the prior fiscal year.

When's the deadline?

Must be approved/submitted to the Arizona Department of Education by October 15.

M&O Expenses by Category



ACTION ITEMS

Expenses:	
Fund:	FY25 Expenses:
Maintenance & Operations (001)	\$54,848,487
Capital Outlay (610)	\$2,712,199
Classroom Site Fund (010)	\$5,039,904
Grants (100-499)	\$21,638,362*
Special Revenue (Cash Accounts)	\$12,706,058
Bond (630)	\$11,051,826
Total:	\$86,358,474
*includes \$8.1 million ESSER III (346)	

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS



CARMEN TRUJILLO
PRESIDENT



ERIKA DE LA ROSA
BOARD MEMBER



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BOARD MEMBER



ERIKA OVALLE
BOARD MEMBER

The Phoenix #1 Governing Board has a focus on student outcomes. The framework is built around six research-informed competencies that describe school board behaviors and the degree to which they create the conditions for improvements in student outcomes:

Vision & Goals, Values & Guardrails, Monitoring & Accountability, Communication & Collaboration, Unity & Trust, and Continuous Improvement.

The October 2 meeting focused on the following **Board Goals and Superintendent Guardrails**:

Board Goal #2

The percentage of 3rd-grade students with a pass rate on math as per AASA will increase from 29% on August 2023 to 54% by August 2028.

Board Goal #5

The percentage of 8th-grade students with a pass rate on math as per AASA will increase from 13% on August 2023 to 38% by August 2028.

Superintendent Guardrail #2

The Superintendent shall not allow the District to operate without a human organizational customer service plan to foster trust and collaboration

Board Guardrail #2

The Board shall not during regularly scheduled board meetings, spend less than 50% of its time progress monitoring the Board's student outcome goals and/or superintendent guardrails.

**VIEW THE FULL GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA, ALL DOCUMENTS,
AND STREAM MEETINGS ONLINE: [PHXSCHOOLS.ORG/BOARD](https://phxschools.org/board)**