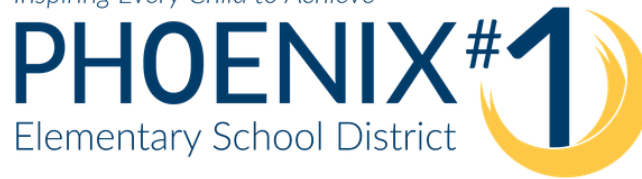


Inspiring Every Child to Achieve



MAY 14, 2026 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

»»» RECAP «««



THE SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT ADVISORY TEAM PRESENTED THEIR END-OF-YEAR PROJECT FINDINGS TO THE PHOENIX #1 GOVERNING BOARD AND COMMUNITY

»»» SUPERINTENDENT STUDENT ADVISORY TEAM CELEBRATION

The Superintendent's Student Advisory Team celebrated an amazing year of leadership and student voice at their end-of-year celebration! Students presented their belonging project findings to the Governing Board and community, received certificates, and enjoyed a beautiful celebration with great food and memorable moments. We are proud of these student leaders and their impact across Phoenix #1.



»»» APRIL S.T.A.R AWARDS

(SPECIAL THANKS AND RECOGNITION)



LESLEY LOPEZ PENA
SENIOR BUYER
BUSINESS SERVICES



DAVID FISHER
PRINT SERVICES MANAGER
COMMUNICATIONS



ERIN GOLDBERG
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, &
ACHIEVEMENT COACH
HUMANITIES C & I



MARGARET WEST
ESS COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES



JONATHAN FUENTES
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
HUMAN RESOURCES



CRUZALDE GAIAS
PROGRAMMER
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

»» AZELLA RECLASSIFICATION CEREMONY

Students across Phoenix Elementary School District #1 were recognized during the District's AZELLA Reclassification Ceremony for earning proficient scores on the Arizona English Language Learner Assessment (AZELLA). These results surpassed the benchmark timeline set for Board Goal #3.



BETHUNE



CAPITOL



EDISON



EMERSON



GARFIELD



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»»» AZELLA RECLASSIFICATION CEREMONY



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MAGNET TRADITIONAL



SHAW MONTESSORI



WHITTIER

As we wrap up the 2025-2026 academic year, I want to congratulate our students who have continued to show outstanding growth this year. In particular, our English Language Learners for surpassing the goal we set in dramatic fashion.

As we look at the academic gains our students have made, we have several celebrations of growth and proficiency. Congratulations to our teachers who have been working to understand the curriculum standards, examine their student data, which has led to creating lessons that deepen our students' understanding. Thanks to our curriculum team and our school leaders, who create the conditions for our teachers to work collaboratively and find solutions for their learners to grasp grade-level content.

We have also had outstanding opportunities to showcase our students' athletic and arts achievements as well as their leadership accomplishments.

The research project on belonging, led by our Superintendent's Student Advisory Team, is being used in our District leadership retreat at the end of the month.

Being part of our District means being part of one team with one mission: serving every child and every family through programs centered on excellence and welcoming to all.

Thank you to our Cabinet members, our child nutrition team, our custodial and trades teams, our transportation department and grounds crews, our business services and human resources team, management information systems, and every support staff member from crossing guards to instructional aides to psychologists, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, to media clerks, and our social workers. Our students' success is thanks to the incredible team at Phoenix #1, and I am proud to celebrate the achievements of our students and the hard-working team that ensures their success.

This summer, I hope we all take time to read - at least 20 minutes a day, to have fun with math facts, to write a poem, a song, draw, or paint, and to spend time relaxing with friends and family. If we build these habits this summer, we will all be ready for another great year ahead.

»» ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

Phoenix #1 celebrated Administrative Professionals Day by recognizing our hardworking team members for the important role they play in keeping daily operations running smoothly. Staff members surprised administrative professionals with special gifts as a token of appreciation.



JONATHAN FUENTES



YADIRA BRAMBILLA



LISA DEAN-LLERENAS



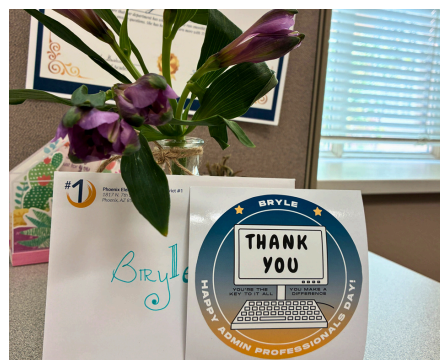
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BEL BORROMEO JAVIER



BRYLE OLIVER

»»» DISTRICT CHORAL FESTIVAL

Students and teachers from across Phoenix #1 came together for the District Choral Festival. Choirs filled the event with powerful harmonies and memorable performances, showcasing the hard work and passion of students and staff. The festival highlighted the strong sense of community and pride shared throughout the District.



»»» WHITTIER STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE DENTAL CARE THANKS TO TEAM SMILE AT STATE FARM STADIUM

Whittier students traveled to State Farm Stadium in Glendale for a field trip focused on dental health services. The experience was made possible through partnerships with Team Smile, the Delta Dental Foundation and the Arizona Cardinals. Students received dental care while enjoying a memorable day outside the classroom.



➤➤➤ ASU ART EXHIBIT FEATURES HERRERA STUDENT AUDIO

Herrera students Esvalynn Barrios and Camila Castellanos Estrada contributed recorded audio readings for “Carmen Lomas Garza: Picturing the Familiar,” a new exhibit at the [ASU Art Museum](#) celebrating the artist’s work and Mexican American cultural traditions. This exhibit runs through September 10, 2026.



➤➤➤ PHOENIX RISING SOCCER CLINIC AT GARFIELD

Garfield students enjoyed an exciting soccer clinic hosted by Phoenix Rising FC, where professional players coached and inspired students on the field. Phoenix #1 is thankful for its partnership with Phoenix Rising FC and for the generous support from APS, which donated new soccer equipment, including goals, flags, and benches.



➤➤➤ SSAT STUDENTS' PRESENTATION AT KENILWORTH

Kenilworth students from the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Team presented their belonging data overview project to Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gonzalez. Students shared research and insights focused on strengthening school belonging and student voice. We applaud their leadership and dedication.



»»» COFFEE TALK: EMERSON WELCOMES WHITTIER PRINCIPAL

Emerson fifth-grade students participated in a question-and-answer session with Mr. Richard Holmes, Whittier's principal. The conversation helped ease uncertainties about campus life and their transition to 6th grade at Whittier. The session included parents and served as an exciting introduction to the Wildcat Way.



»»» DR. GONZALEZ RECOGNIZED WITH EXCELLENCE IN YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gonzalez received the Excellence in Youth Education Award from the Pete C. Garcia Victoria Foundation. The honor was presented during the Advocates for Education Awards ceremony. Phoenix #1 celebrated Dr. Gonzalez for her leadership and advocacy for students.



»»» ANN OTT REVITALIZATION CELEBRATION

Phoenix #1 hosted a community celebration honoring the legacy of Ann Ott as the District prepares to transform the site into the new Plant Services. Families and community members gathered for music, food, and special memories. The event highlighted the lasting impact of Ann Ott on the District community.



»»» DIA DEL NIÑO

Lowell students celebrated Día del Niño with activities focused on culture, fun, and community. Kindergarten through second-grade students participated in special games and piñata activities. The celebration created joyful memories for students and staff.



LOWELL

The Arizona State University Hispanic Business Students Association partnered with Kenilworth to celebrate Día del Niño with fourth-grade students. College students shared presentations and encouraged students to pursue higher education opportunities. Phoenix #1 appreciates the organization's support and mentorship.



KENILWORTH

»»» RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



Phoenix #1 celebrated the retiring Class of 2026 with an adventure-themed recognition event. Retirees were honored for their years of service and dedication to students and schools. We wish all of our retirees a joyful and well-deserved retirement.

»»» NATIONAL PRINCIPAL'S DAY

Phoenix #1 recognized school leaders in celebration of National Principals Day. We honored our principals for their commitment to supporting students, staff, and school communities. Their leadership helps campuses thrive throughout the District.



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➤➤➤ GARFIELD MATH NIGHT

Garfield Math Night brought together students, families and staff members for an evening of learning and community engagement. Families participated in hands-on math activities designed to make learning fun. The event celebrated academic growth and family involvement.



➤➤➤ SURPRISE SALON DES ENFANTS ART DELIVERY

Kenilworth student artist Jamileth received special recognition after Superintendent Dr. Deborah Gonzalez purchased her artwork at Salon des Enfants. Dr. Gonzalez personally delivered the news and presented Jamileth with her earnings. The District celebrated Jamileth's creativity and artistic achievement.



➤➤➤ SCHOOL NURSES DAY

Phoenix #1 honored its school nurses for their dedication to student health and wellness. Nurses play an essential role in keeping students safe, healthy, and ready to learn. We appreciate them for their daily care and support.



>>> SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY

The child nutrition team was recognized during School Lunch Hero Day celebrations! Staff members thanked them for serving students with kindness, care, and dedication each day. Their efforts help create welcoming school environments across the District.



➤➤➤ **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Schools across Phoenix #1 celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with support from school leaders and community partners. Teachers received recognition through special events, catered lunches and creative treats. The District thanks all our teachers for inspiring and supporting students each day.



➤➤➤ **DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DONATION**

We thank the Paradise Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for donating school supplies to support Capitol students and classrooms! The contributions benefited the school nurse, social worker and teachers.



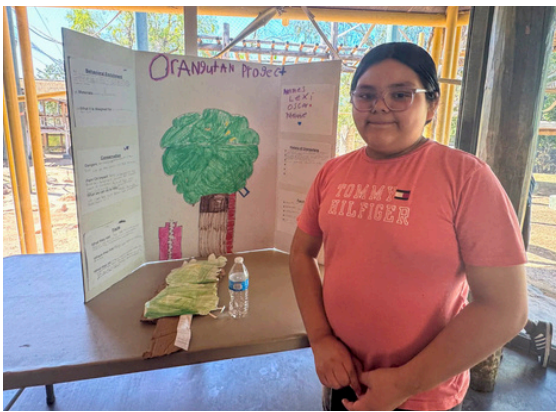
➤➤➤ **HERRERA FINE ARTS AND P.E. AWARDS**

Herrera students received recognition for achievements in fine arts and physical education programs. Awards were presented in art, dance, theater, music, choir and P.E. Congratulations to all students for your hard work and accomplishments.



➤➤➤ EDISON STUDENTS SHOWCASE ORANGUTAN PROJECT AT THE PHOENIX ZOO

Edison fourth-grade students participated in an overnight learning experience at the Phoenix Zoo. Students studied orangutans, created enrichment activities, and presented their projects to visitors. The experience brought classroom learning to life through hands-on exploration.



➤➤➤ WALK, ROLL, AND BIKE TO SCHOOL

Herrera students and families participated in Walk, Roll and Bike to School Day. The event promoted healthy habits, exercise and school spirit. Families came together to support wellness and active lifestyles.



EMERSON SPRING SING

Families and friends gathered in Emerson's cafeteria for the annual Spring Sings performance featuring first-grade students. Students showed off the songs, movement, and instruments they learned throughout the school year.



KENILWORTH INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Kenilworth students proudly displayed their musical growth during the school's instrumental showcase. Student musicians performed with confidence as they took the stage for families and staff, who gathered to celebrate their hard work and progress.



B.U.I.L.D. TEACHER SUPPORT CELEBRATION

The B.U.I.L.D. teacher support program celebrated the completion of its first year with a special event focused on reflection and growth. Participants recognized the benefits of being part of B.U.I.L.D. and the positive impact it has had on teacher retention.



➤➤➤ FIESTA DE COLORES AT MAGNET TRADITIONAL

Magnet Traditional hosted its Fiesta de Colores celebration filled with music, culture and community engagement. Students, families and staff members came together for a colorful and festive event. Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration a success.





1. Request Approval or Ratification of Expense Vouchers in the total amount of \$3,057,307.01 (Policy: DKA)
2. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll Vouchers in the total amount of \$ 4,675,073.75 (Policy: DKA)
3. Request Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds (Policies: JJF-R)
4. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff (Policies: GCF, GDF)
5. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements (Policies: GCQC, GDQC, GDQB)
6. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract-Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position (Policies: GCF, GDF)
7. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants (Policy: KCD)
8. Request Approval of Student Activities Fundraisers (Policy: JJF-R)
9. Request Approval for Appointment of Student Activities Treasurer (Policies: JJF, JJF-R)
10. Request Approval of A Resolution of The Governing Board of the Phoenix Elementary School District #1 Authorizing Signatures for District Bank Accounts and Ratifying All Actions Taken or To Be Taken to Further This Resolution (Policy: DK-E)
11. Request Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Apollo Education Systems and PESD1 (Policy: DJE-R)
12. Request Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Relentless Smart Vending (Policy: DJE-R)
13. Request Approval of the Renewal of the Annual Renewal of District Contracts for Goods and Services for FY 2026-2027 (Policy: DJE-R)
14. Request Approval to Utilize Cooperative Purchasing Agreements and Procurement Authorizations with the Following Cooperatives: Arizona State Procurement Office, Mohave Educational Services Cooperative, 1 GPA, Omnia Partners, Greater Phoenix Purchasing Consortiums of Schools, Sourcewell, and Strategic Alliance for Volume Expenditures for the FY 2026-2027 (Policy DJE-R)
15. Request Approval of The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Consortium Membership Approval (Board Policy: DJE-R)
16. Request Approval of the Food Program Permanent Service Agreement ADE Contract No. ED09-0001
17. Request Approval of Consent Agenda (Policy: BEDB)

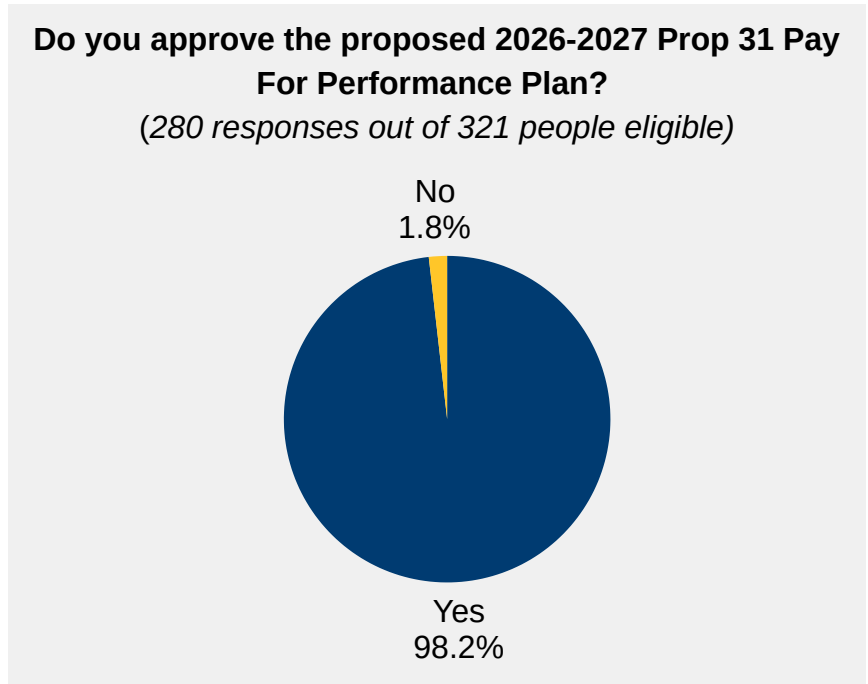
»»» 2026-2027 STAFF COMPENSATION INCREASE APPROVED

The Governing Board approved the following pay base pay increases for the 2026-2027 school year.

Employee Group	Increase	Health Insurance Premium
Support Staff	4%	No Increase
Certified & Support Services	3%	No Increase
Administrators	2%	No Increase
Cabinet	0%	No Increase

»»» 2026-2027 PAY FOR PERFORMANCE (PROP 301 PLAN)

The Governing Board approved a plan recommended by the District's Prop 301 committee to move more funding into base salaries to support the District's planned 3% pay increase. Proposition 301 is a voter-approved sales tax that helps fund teacher compensation.



➤➤➤ 2026-2027 STIPEND PLAN

The Governing Board approved the 2026–2027 professional and support staff stipend plan to support employee retention. The plan offers additional pay for extra responsibilities, specialized roles, and performance goals, including a new transportation pilot program focused on attendance and job performance. The plan will help strengthen staffing and student services.

➤➤➤ FIREWALL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR PALO ALTO TRANSITION

Protecting student and staff information from cyber threats remains a top priority as technology systems age. The Governing Board approved a new five-year agreement to upgrade the District’s firewall security system to improve protection for student data, payroll systems, and daily operations. Federal funding will help offset much of the cost.

➤➤➤ FIRST READING OF ASBA POLICY ADVISORY REVISIONS

The Governing Board reviewed proposed updates to District safety and student protection policies as part of the District’s ongoing commitment to safe schools and compliance with Arizona law.

Proposed updates include:

- Emergency preparedness procedures
- School safety policies
- Child abuse reporting procedures
- Sex offender notification language
- Transportation policy updates

The updates follow recommendations from the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA), an organization that provides guidance and policy support to school districts across Arizona. The policies are currently in the first reading stage and will return for final approval at a future meeting.

➤➤➤ SPECIAL BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION

The Governing Board agreed to begin the process to call a special bond election, complying with all related laws. They reviewed and discussed a proposed \$97.8 million bond election that could appear on the November 2026 ballot.

District financial advisors and legal counsel explained how school bonds can support future District facility and capital improvement needs.

Officials emphasized that Arizona property taxes are based on a home's limited property value, not current market value, which is often much lower than online home estimates. Currently, an estimated 60 percent of properties within Phoenix #1 District boundaries are classified as commercial. If approved by voters, the bonds would likely be issued in phases over several years, with future approval required before any bonds are sold.



➤➤➤ 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REVISION

The Governing Board approved a mid-year update to the District’s FY26 budget. Chief Financial Officer Aaron Whittle said Arizona school Districts must revise budgets during the year to reflect updated revenues and expenses. The revised budget increased by about \$300,000 since December, bringing the projected year-end total to more than \$51 million. The District remains in a strong financial position, with projections coming within about 0.6% of original estimates. Mr. Whittle also highlighted ongoing challenges with capital funding for aging school buildings and said the District continues to rely on state funding and voter-approved bond programs to support facility repairs and improvements.

Category	FY26 DAA Adopted Budget July 8, 2025	FY26 DAA Revised #1 Budget December 2, 2025	FY26 DAA Revised #2 Budget May 14, 2026	Difference
Unweighted ADM	4,458.56	4,461.71	4,461.71	0
Base Level Amount	\$549.45	\$549.45	\$549.45	\$0
Budget Balance Carryforward	\$2,049,398	\$2,712,199	\$1,427,531	(\$1,284,668)
Prior Year Interests	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
DAA Override	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$0
Desegregation	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
DAA General Budget Limit	\$7,499,152	\$8,213,685	\$6,929,017	(\$1,284,668)

➤➤➤ ACTION ITEMS

Category	FY26 M&O Adopted Budget July 8, 2025	FY26 M&O Revised #1 Budget December 2, 2025	FY26 M&O Revised #2 Budget May 14, 2026	Difference
Weighted ADM	6,611.62	6,055.51	6,112.41	56.891313
Base Level Amount	\$5,113.26	\$5,113.26	\$5,113.26	\$0
Base Level Control Limit	\$33,843,732	\$30,987,573	\$31,254,322	\$266,749
Transportation Revenue Control Limit	\$1,329,798	\$1,329,798	\$1,329,798	\$0
Audit Service Adjustment	\$38,500	\$38,500	\$38,500	\$0
Revenue Control Limit	\$35,173,531	\$32,317,371	\$32,622,620	\$305,249
Budget Balance Carryforward	\$1,000,000	\$1,421,127	\$1,395,039	(\$26,088)
Additional Add Ons	\$298,575	\$654,640	\$674,002	\$19,362
Desegregation	\$11,101,530	\$11,101,530	\$11,101,530	\$0
M&O Override (15%)	\$5,054,043	\$5,233,035	\$5,233,091	\$56
M&O General Budget Limit	\$52,551,091	\$50,727,704	\$51,026,283	\$298,579

➤➤➤ EDISON RENOVATIONS BEGIN THIS SUMMER

The Governing Board approved the (GMP1 - Guaranteed Maximum Price) Phase One of the Edison Elementary renovation project, allowing construction to begin this summer. The work includes parking lot improvements, playground upgrades, and site preparation to support the District's Zoo School partnership with the Phoenix Zoo. Additional renovation phases are planned for the future.

➤➤➤ GARFIELD RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

The Governing Board approved the (GMP2 - Guaranteed Maximum Price) Phase Two of the Garfield Elementary renovation project, allowing construction to continue this summer, minimizing disruptions for students and staff during the school year. The next phase includes early site work and academic building upgrades. District leaders said the project remains on schedule and has already produced cost savings during Phase One.

➤➤➤ COOPERATIVE CONTRACTS APPROVAL FOR FY 2025-2026

The Governing Board approved the District's continued use of cooperative purchasing contracts for the 2025–26 fiscal year. District leaders said the contracts help streamline purchases for construction, maintenance, equipment, and other services while meeting Arizona procurement requirements. Officials also shared that purchases are reviewed through the District's budgeting and procurement process, and any spending over \$100,000 under a single contract must return to the Governing Board for approval. The District reported no audit findings related to contract use.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS



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PRESIDENT



SUANNE EDMISTON
VICE PRESIDENT



CARMEN TRUJILLO
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 May 14, 2026 meeting focused on the following Board Goals and Superintendent Guardrails:

Board Goal #3

The percentage of English Learners increasing proficiency levels at least one category as measured by AZELLA will increase from 32% on August 2023 to 50% by August 2028.

Superintendent Guardrail #4

The Superintendent shall not allow the District to operate without a site budget process where resources are allocated equitably.

**VIEW THE FULL GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA, ALL DOCUMENTS, AND STREAM MEETINGS ONLINE:
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