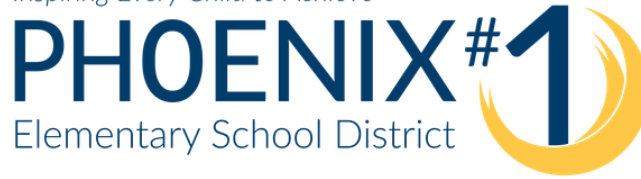


Inspiring Every Child to Achieve



JUNE 25, 2026 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

»» RECAP ««

»» CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTING, 8TH GRADERS!

Congratulations to our Phoenix #1 eighth-grade students on their promotion to high school! We are proud of your hard work, growth, and accomplishments, and we can't wait to see all you achieve in this exciting next chapter. Keep reaching for your goals and making us proud!



Bethune



Capitol



Garfield



Herrera



Kenilworth



Lowell

CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTING, 8TH GRADERS!



Magnet Traditional



Shaw Montessori



Whittier

NEW GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Phoenix Elementary School District #1 proudly welcomes Barry Aarons and Damian Sandoval Barrera to our Governing Board. Both members were recently sworn into office and are ready to begin serving our students, families, staff, and community. We look forward to the leadership and fresh perspectives they'll bring as they serve our students, families, staff, and community.



**BARRY AARONS
BOARD MEMBER**



**DAMIAN SANDOVAL
BARRERA
BOARD MEMBER**

I want to celebrate the outstanding summer programming we offered this year to help our students build the academic skills and confidence they need for next school year.

I also want to recognize the incredible efforts of our Child Nutrition Department, which is on pace to double the number of free meals served to children 18 and under across the District. They provided more than 15,000 meals, and throughout July, we will continue offering free meals for all children ages 0–18 in partnership with community organizations. Find the full list of meal locations and schedules [here](#).

As we prepare to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, I want to take a moment to remind people of the importance our founding fathers placed on a free public education and their commitment to providing states with land so that public schools could be accessible to all children. Democracy flourishes with an educated citizenry, and we are proud to serve our students and community and will commit to continuously improving as we work to provide an outstanding education for our students.

I want to thank our Governing Board members who volunteer to serve to ensure we are providing that, and to welcome our newest board member, Mr. Damian Sandoval Barrera.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July Celebration.



➤➤➤ DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION (DLI) PRESCHOOL LAUNCH

We are launching a Dual Language Immersion Preschool program at Lowell Elementary School for the 2026–2027 school year. Children can begin learning English and Spanish as early as age 3. Enrollment is now open, and space is limited. Call Lowell’s front desk for more information at 602-257-3902.



➤➤➤ TIGER DEN SUMMER CAMP

Students at Lowell's Tiger Den Summer Camp enjoyed hands-on STEM learning through the federally funded Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program. Campers welcomed special visitors from the Phoenix Zoo and even designed and built their own guitars, blending science, creativity, and fun.



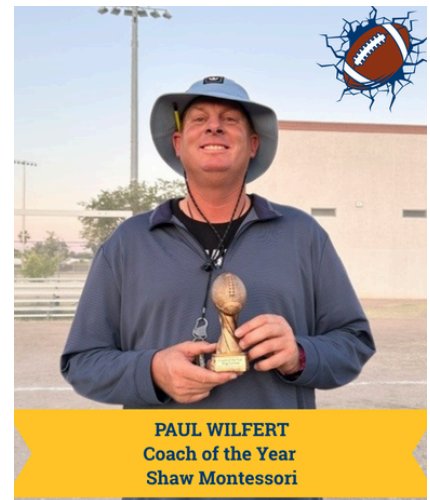
➤➤➤ SUMMER VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE AT HERRERA

Herrera students brought great energy to summer volleyball practice with Coach Angel Diaz. Excitement is building as future practices will move to the new Herrera campus at 7th Street and Fillmore, where students will train on a high school-level volleyball court.



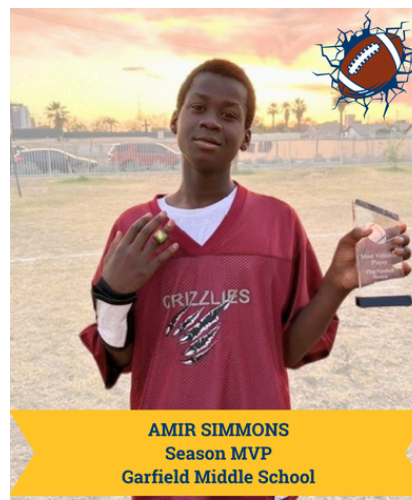
»»» DISTRICT GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to the Shaw Stars for winning the District Girls Championship! Bella Campbell earned the All-Star Game MVP, Aubrielle Wright was named Season MVP, and Paul Wilfert received Coach of the Year honors. Thank you to all of our student-athletes and coaches for an outstanding season.



➤➤➤ DISTRICT BOYS FLAG FOOTBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to the Garfield Grizzlies for winning the District Boys Championship! Amir Simmons was named Season MVP, Alex Motando earned All-Star Game MVP, and Angel Diaz received Coach of the Year honors. What an awesome flag football season!



➤➤➤ EDISON RENOVATION UPDATE

Construction is officially underway at Edison Elementary School. You'll notice that the parking lot and playground have been demolished. This marks the first visible phase of the renovation project, funded through voter-approved bond dollars. Stay tuned as work continues and exciting improvements take shape!



➤➤➤ COUGAR CREW SUMMER SCHOOL: TIE-DYE SHIRTS

Students at Capitol added color to their summer camp experience by creating their own tie-dye shirts! The activity encouraged creativity while giving students a fun keepsake to remember their summer.



➤➤➤ SPIRIT WEEK AT HERRERA'S SUMMER SCHOOL

Herrera students and staff celebrated their spirit week during the last week of summer school! One of the themed days included wearing colorful Aloha-inspired outfits.



»»» PETER PIPER PIZZA STEM MOBILE AT CAPITOL

Capitol students brought math to life during a hands-on STEM lesson with the Peter Piper Pizza STEM Mobile. By creating a human bar graph, students practiced counting, comparing data, and strengthening their math skills through interactive learning.

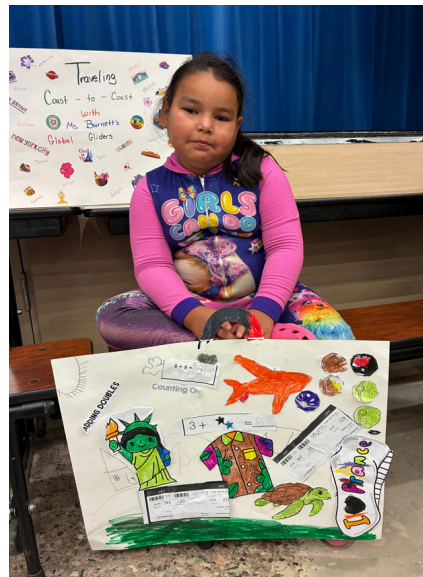


»»» SUMMER SCHOOL SHOWCASES

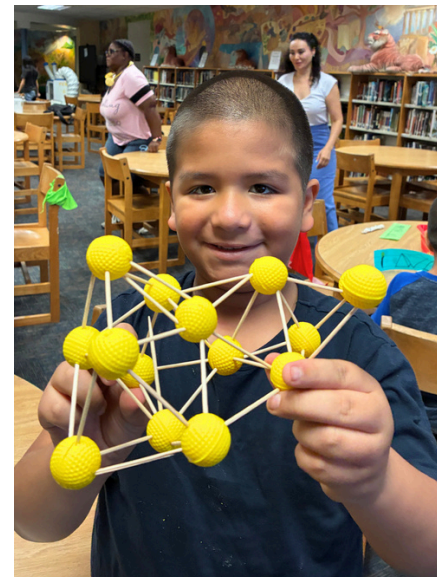
Capitol, Herrera, and Lowell wrapped up summer school with special showcases! Families had the opportunity to see and celebrate all the amazing work students created throughout the summer. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for making this summer a memorable one!



CAPITOL



HERRERA



LOWELL

1. Request Approval or Ratification of Expense Vouchers in the total amount of \$1,645,100.27 (Policy: DKA)
2. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll Vouchers in the total amount of \$2,356,832.25 (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 to Sell Surplus, Damaged, or Outdated Technology and Equipment (Policy: DN)
9. Request Approval of Herrera School for the Arts at the Fillmore Property Serving Pre-K - Grade 8 beginning School Year 2026-2027 (Policy: JFB)
10. Request Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Assessment Collaborative, AzAC, for the 2026-2027 School Year (Policy: KA)
11. Request Approval of Consent Agenda (Policy: BEDB)

»»» FISCAL YEAR 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET: BY THE NUMBERS

The proposed Fiscal Year 2027 budget for Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and District Additional Assistance (DAA) demonstrates Phoenix #1's commitment to responsible financial planning while keeping student achievement at the center of every decision.

FY27 M&O PROPOSED BUDGET

	FY27 M&O Proposed June 25, 2026
Weighted ADM	\$5,525.646335
Base Level Amount	\$5,215.53
Base Level Control Limit	\$28,819,174
Transportation Revenue Control Limit	\$1,329,798
Auto Service Adjustment	\$42,000
Revenue Control Limit	\$30,190,972
Budget Balance Carryforward	\$1,000,000
Additional Add Ons	\$0
Desegregation	\$11,101,530
M&O Override (15%)	\$5,132,465
M&O General Budget Limit	\$47,849,721

FY27 DAA PROPOSED BUDGET

Unweighted ADM	\$4,015.6506
Base Level Amount	\$549.45
Budget Balance Carryforward	\$1,096,765
Prior Year Interests	\$0
DAA Override	\$3,000,000
Desegregation	\$50,000
DAA General Budget Limit	\$6,353,164



PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP AIMS TO STABILIZE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL NEEDS

Phoenix Elementary School District is exploring a partnership with SESI Spark to strengthen support for students in the RISE Program. Currently, there are 35 students in the program. Over the past several years, the program has experienced high turnover among special education teachers, making it difficult to provide the consistency and stability that students with emotional and behavioral needs require to succeed.

Despite significant District efforts to recruit, train, and retain staff, the shortage of specialized educators remains a challenge. The proposed SESI Spark partnership would provide experienced staff, therapeutic supports, and individualized instruction while allowing students to remain in their home district schools.

District leaders believe this solution can improve student outcomes, create greater program stability, and provide high-quality services at a cost that is lower than current operations and significantly less than out-of-district placements. The proposal is currently under consideration as part of the district's commitment to supporting every student's success. See the cost comparison below, which shows that the proposed SESI Spark program is slightly lower in cost than the current program and provides better service than other options.

Cost Comparison

Current RISE Operational Costs	\$1,236,701.91
SESI Proposal	\$1,169,000.00
Outsource to Private Placements	\$1,925,000.00



GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS



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GOVERNING BOARD VOTES TO DISCONTINUE STUDENT OUTCOME-FOCUSED GOVERNANCE

The Phoenix #1 Governing Board voted to cancel the remaining years of student outcome-focused governance, which was set to expire in 2028. The Student Outcomes Focused Governance (SOFG) strategic goals were established in 2023 as a five-year plan to improve student outcomes and to use Superintendent Guardrails and Governing Board Guardrails to improve systems that the community identified as barriers to student success.

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR MEETING SCHEDULE APPROVED

See the approved Governing Board Meeting schedule for the 2026-2027 school year [here](#).

PROPOSED SETTLEMENT ACTION APPROVED

The Governing Board approved the proposed settlement action to resolve litigation in Haghghat v Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1, et al, CV2025-018519.

➤➤➤ GOVERNING BOARD VOTES DOWN HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE SERGIO GOUVEIA'S EMPLOYMENT

The Governing Board reviewed a hearing officer's recommendation regarding Capitol fourth-grade teacher Sergio Gouveia. The hearing officer recommended terminating Gouveia's employment after determining he had violated District policies and ethical standards. After reviewing the [recommendation](#), the Governing Board voted not to terminate Gouveia's employment. District legal counsel advised that, because of the Board's decision, the District is required to offer Gouveia a teaching contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

➤➤➤ POLICY UPDATES APPROVED

The Governing Board approved updates to several District policies related to [student safety](#), [support services](#), [child abuse reporting](#), and [sex offender](#) notifications. These policy revisions were recommended by the Arizona School Board Association (ASBA). These updates help keep District policies current with state laws and best practices while making them easier to understand and follow. The changes also ensure Phoenix #1 continues to provide a safe, supportive learning environment for all students. Keeping policies up to date is one of the many ways the District works to support students, staff, and families every day.

➤➤➤ SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM PURCHASE

The Governing Board approved the purchase of the District's existing solar energy system for \$130,000 when the current agreement expires this fall. The solar panels have been generating clean, renewable energy at District schools since 2010. By purchasing the system, Phoenix #1 will own the solar equipment, eliminating future payments under the current agreement while continuing to benefit from lower energy costs. Owning the system is expected to provide long-term savings, support responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and allow the District to continue investing in sustainable energy that benefits students, staff, and our schools.

➤➤➤ NEXT PHASE OF ENERGY UPGRADES AT CAPITOL AND EDISON APPROVED

The Governing Board approved the next phase of the District's long-term energy improvement plan in partnership with Veregy, bringing additional energy-efficient upgrades to schools while reducing utility costs and maximizing taxpayer dollars.

Phase 2 includes approximately \$7.1 million in improvements funded through the District's existing operating budget. The project is expected to generate more than \$13.4 million in lifetime savings and qualify for an estimated \$507,000 in federal incentives. Planned upgrades include LED lighting, heating and cooling system improvements, building enhancements, and additional solar energy systems.



As part of this phase, Edison will receive new LED lighting, HVAC upgrades, and solar panels to improve energy efficiency and campus sustainability. Capitol remains part of the District's long-term energy improvement plan, but is not included in the Phase 2 construction work. Together, the District's first two phases of energy projects are projected to save nearly \$55 million over their lifetime, allowing Phoenix #1 to reinvest resources into students, staff, and classrooms for years to come.

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