

2026 Override Pro Statement from the MUSD Governing Board

Maricopa Unified School District provides a high-quality education to more than 9,900 students. Our schools help strengthen neighborhoods, prepare a skilled workforce, and support our local economy.

To continue this work, the Governing Board has voted to place the continuation of the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Budget Override on the November ballot. If approved, the override will allow the district to:

- Keep class sizes small
- Invest in technology
- Maintain RAM Academy and high school credit recovery/ intervention programs

This is not a tax increase. It continues local funding that has been in place since 2016. Without voter approval, the district would lose an estimated \$8.2 million from its annual operating budget.

MUSD is committed to responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, ensuring local funds are used as promised. The district maintains one of the lowest administrative costs among neighboring districts and has earned more than 20 awards for fiscal responsibility, including multiple awards for excellence in financial reporting.

Learn more at www.musd20.org/override.

Sincerely,

The Maricopa Unified School District Governing Board



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ARGUMENT FOR/AGAINST SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION ISSUE

The deadline for submitting an argument for or against a school district election issue for the November 3, 2026 General Election is *5:00 pm on Friday, August 7, 2026*

School District Name and Number: _____ Maricopa Unified School District # 20 _____

This is a pro or con argument for the following question:

Bond

☒ Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Override

District Additional Assistance

Lease/Sale/Exchange

Other

Submit **your** 200-word **argument** in the box below.

As Chairman of Yes for Maricopa Schools, I am proud to endorse the continuation of MUSD M&O Override.

This measure is not about creating a new tax. It is about preserving the local funding the community has supported because it delivers real results for students.

When Maricopa voters approved the override in 2016 and renewed it in 2021, they expected the district to use those dollars responsibly. MUSD has honored that commitment by investing directly into classrooms, attracting and retaining outstanding teachers, supporting student achievement, expanding access to classroom technology, and maintaining alternative education programs that provide students additional pathways to graduation.

The district has demonstrated that it can be trusted to manage these funds responsibly and to deliver on the promises made to voters.

Continuing the M&O Override ensures MUSD schools can maintain the programs, opportunities, and educational excellence our students deserve without increasing the tax rate beyond what previous voters approved.

I encourage every voter to review the facts, consider the positive impact this funding has on our students and schools, and vote **YES** to continue the M&O Override for MUSD.

In accordance with §A.R.S. 15-481.B.9., I attest that the information is true, accurate and complete and that I consent to the publication of this information including my name and title.

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Printed Name Chad Whittle

Title PAC Chairman

Individual Signature Chad Whittle
(please sign in the presence of a notary)

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State of Arizona County of

Pinal
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- ☐ Bond
- ☒ Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Override
- ☐ District Additional Assistance
- ☐ Lease/Sale/Exchange
- ☐ Other

Submit your 200-word argument in the box below.

I support the Maricopa Unified School District Override Continuation because strong schools build strong communities. Serving our city takes many forms, and right now, that service means standing behind the MUSD Override Continuation.

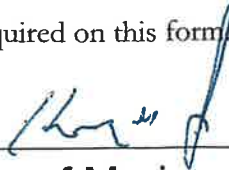
I am Councilmember Henry Wade of the City of Maricopa, and I am proud to offer my support. As both a Councilmember and the grandfather of a Maricopa High School senior, I've been connected to our schools since his first day of kindergarten. I've seen how essential it is to provide students with the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

This override helps maintain manageable class sizes, strengthen school safety, and support the dedicated teachers and staff who guide and protect our students every day. Competitive pay and proper resources allow MUSD to retain experienced educators and attract new talent. Voting yes is about more funding; it's about protecting educational quality and ensuring every student has a safe, supportive place to learn and grow.

COPA, let's continue our support of the MUSD Override Continuation! Stand together and VOTE YES!
Supporting our schools strengthens Maricopa for generations to come!

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Printed Name **Henry Wade** 

Title **Councilmember City of Maricopa**



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Nathaly Montano
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☐ District Additional Assistance

☐ Lease/Sale/Exchange

☐ Other

Submit your 200-word argument in the box below.

As a Maricopa resident for more than 20 years, a mother of four, and someone who served on the Maricopa Unified School District Governing Board for 12 years, I know firsthand that strong schools are the foundation of a strong community. The MUSD Override Continuation allows our district to continue investing in the teachers, classroom resources, and programs that help our students succeed. This isn't about creating something new—it's about preserving the quality education our students and families have come to expect. Excellent schools also play a vital role in Maricopa's future. When businesses consider where to invest and create jobs, one of the first things they evaluate is the quality of the local school system. Successful schools attract employers, strengthen our workforce, increase property values, and make our community more competitive for future economic development. Investing in our schools is an investment in Maricopa's future. I encourage our community to vote YES on the MUSD Override Continuation to ensure our students, families, and the local economy continue to thrive.

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Printed Name AnnaMarie Knorr

Title Resident , Parent & Councilmember

Individual Signature AnnaMarie Knorr
(please sign in the presence of a notary)



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As a longtime resident and former mayor of the City of Maricopa, I whole-heartily support Proposition 416, the Maricopa Unified School District Override. It is important to understand that Prop 416 is not a tax increase. It simply continues the local funding voters approved in 2016, allowing MUSD to preserve the educational opportunities our students deserve. Approving Prop 416 will help maintain smaller class sizes, attract and retain outstanding teachers, invest in modern classroom technology and continue innovative programs like the RAM Academy meeting the diverse needs of our students. As a member of the MUSD Bond Oversight Committee, I have seen firsthand that MUSD leadership delivers on its promises and is a responsible steward of taxpayer dollars. The recent opening of the Alma Farrell Innovation Academy K-8 is another example of the district following through on its commitments to our community. Our schools are an investment in Maricopa's future. I encourage my fellow residents to stand with our students, families and educators by voting YES on Proposition 416.

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Printed Name **Anthony Smith**

Title **Former Mayor and Pinal County Supervisor**

Individual Signature _____
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I fully support the MUSD # 20 Operations and Maintenance budget override for the following reasons:

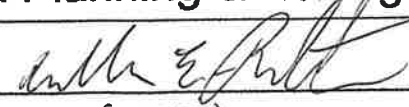
- * Local control needs to be protected
- * The override will continue to support smaller class size
- * The override will allow for continued technology update as a result of the proliferation of Artificial Intelligence and cyber security threats
- * The override will continue to support the School Resource Officer Program

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Printed Name **Bill Robertson**

Title **Maricopa Planning & Zoning Commissioner**

Individual Signature 
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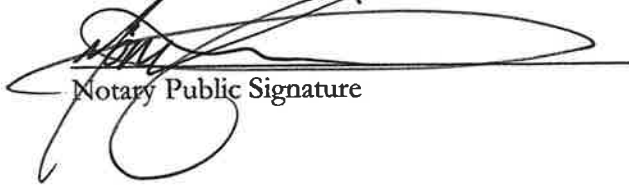
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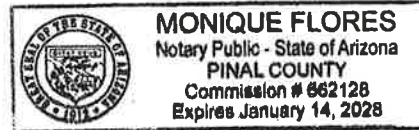
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- ☐ Lease/Sale/Exchange
- ☐ Other

Submit your 200-word argument in the box below.

Investing in Maricopa's public schools is a direct investment in our city's prosperity, economic growth, and safety.

As Mayor, I see firsthand that a robust community environment is essential for sustaining growth. Our public school system serves as a foundational building block to achieve that robust environment. The Maricopa Unified School District's Prop 416 must be a critical community priority.

Our city thrives when our schools thrive. This override protects vital local funding used to recruit and retain teachers, manage classroom sizes, and safeguard critical student programs. An important aspect to keep in mind, regarding our education system is when businesses look to relocate or expand in Maricopa, the quality of our educational system is one of the first things they evaluate. Strong schools attract excellent employers, stimulate local economic development, and protect the hard-earned property values of every resident.

Prop 416 ensures MUSD remains fully equipped to deliver the high-quality education our youth deserve. Investing in our students, our teachers, and our city's bright future by voting YES on Prop 416.

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Printed Name Nancy Smith

Title Mayor, City of Maricopa

Individual Signature Nancy Smith
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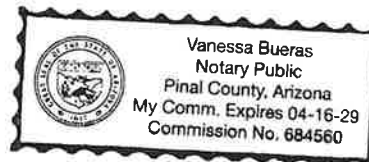
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VANESSA BUERAS
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☐ Bond

☒ Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Override

☐ District Additional Assistance

☐ Lease/Sale/Exchange

☐ Other

Submit your 200-word argument in the box below.

I strongly support the MUSD budget override. These funds help put additional teachers in our schools, provide students and educators with updated classroom technology, and support important programs like RAM Academy in Maricopa. The override gives our schools resources the state does not fully provide and helps prepare students for college, careers, and life after graduation. Strong schools benefit our students, families, and the entire community. I encourage Maricopa voters to support the MUSD override.

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Printed Name **Vincent Manfredi**

Title **Vice Mayor & Business Owner**

Individual Signature

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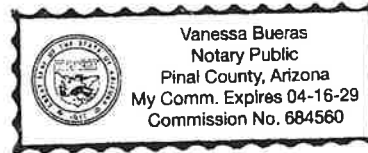
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Vanessa Bueras

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Dear Valued Community Members,

As a longtime resident of Maricopa and an advocate for local control, I want to express my support for the MUSD override continuation, Prop 416. I truly believe that today's scholars are tomorrow's future leaders, doctors, lawyers and community members. This is the time to invest in your local control and have a voice in how we educate our students.

Thank you for all your past support in voting yes on the Override. This small investment has had a large impact on our student achievement. MUSD has proven that this investment has directly improved the classroom academic outcomes by maintaining smaller class sizes to maximize student learning, investing in technology and developing alternative learning environments for our high school students.

Please join me in voting YES on Prop 416, the Override Continuation. I believe investing in education benefits our entire community. Together, we can continue providing students with the opportunities they deserve. We all WIN with a YES vote!

Thank you for your support,
Torri Anderson

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Printed Name Torri Anderson

Title Community Member

Individual Signature

(please sign in the presence of a notary)



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☒ ~~Bond~~



KAD 8-6-26 ☒ Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Override

☐ District Additional Assistance

☐ Lease/Sale/Exchange

☐ Other

Submit your 200-word argument in the box below.

Strong schools protect property values, support employers, and help build a safer, successful community. That is why I support continuing the Maricopa Unified School District override. Proposition 416 is not a new tax. It continues funding that has been in place since 2016. Without voter approval, MUSD would lose an estimated \$8 million and phase out this funding over three years. My four children attended Maricopa schools, and I saw firsthand how teachers, strong programs, and community support helped them succeed. Our children deserve those opportunities, and our teachers deserve the resources needed to help every student grow. The override helps maintain smaller class sizes, retain quality teachers, invest in classroom technology, and support programs such as RAM Academy for students who need another path to graduation. If it fails, MUSD could lose teachers, reduce technology funding, and eliminate alternative graduation programs. The state limits how much school districts may spend, so local voters must decide whether to continue this support. A yes vote keeps funding in place. It does not approve a new bond or add a new tax. It simply continues the same override funding taxpayers already pay. Kids are our future, and this investment supports Maricopa's future.

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Printed Name Kristena Dugan

Title Resident and mom KAD 8/7/26

Individual Signature Kristena Dugan
(please sign in the presence of a notary)



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There is no limit on the number of arguments submitted for or against a BOND election.

Arguments may be delivered via email to nobrien@pinalcso.org.

Arguments may be delivered by mail or in person to the following address:

Pinal County School Superintendent

75 N. Bailey St. or P.O. Box 769

Florence, AZ 85132

The deadline for submitting an argument for or against a school district election issue for the November 3, 2026 General Election is **5:00 pm Friday, August 7, 2026**