

# 2012 ASBA Political Agenda Priorities

1. Seek and support legislation that adequately encourages, assists and financially supports the curriculum and instructional needs of Arizona's public schools to ensure college and career readiness for all students.

## **ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENT NEEDS**

2. Oppose unfunded and burdensome legislative mandates.

## **LOCAL CONTROL/GOVERNANCE**

3. Advocate the preservation of community governance of school districts through elected representation and oppose federal, tribal, state, or administrative efforts to erode the authority of governing boards.

## **LOCAL CONTROL/GOVERNANCE**

4. Advocate for a complete revision of the school finance formula.

## **FUNDING**

5. Seek and support legislation to ensure full funding for inflation, especially in years in which the rate of inflation is greater than 2%, and vigorously oppose at the legislature and in the courts any attempts to not fully fund at least the 2% inflation factor as approved by the voters in Proposition 301 (2000).

## **FUNDING**

6. Oppose any legislation that prohibits local school district governing boards from supplementing state funding and budget provisions through M&O and flexible capital overrides as well as bond authorizations.

## **TAXATION/REVENUES**

7. Seek and support legislation that provides governing boards with flexibility in committing and prioritizing the use of education funds.

## **LOCAL CONTROL/GOVERNANCE**

8. Advocate structural change to Arizona's tax system to support funding for public education, other child support services, and a competitive business climate while opposing any change to the existing property tax structure unless a comprehensive tax reform proposal is implemented to adequately address the needs of public education.

## **TAXATION/REVENUES**

9. Seek and support the reenactment and funding of voluntary, full-day kindergarten.

## **FUNDING**

10. Seek and support legislation that ensures that all public schools are funded and governed in a manner consistent with the Arizona Constitution's requirement of a general and uniform public school system, so that disparities in the treatment of schools are not created by the law.

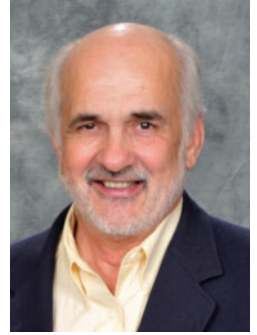
## **LOCAL CONTROL/GOVERNANCE**



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