

Why Should I Care?

West Valley Public Education Forum

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Critical Issues to Watch

- ▶ Education funding
 - ▶ Governor's budget
 - ▶ Revenue projections
 - ▶ Corporate tax cuts
 - ▶ Prop 301
 - ▶ Vouchers

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- ▶ Quality teachers
 - ▶ Funding for salary increases
 - ▶ Working conditions
 - ▶ Size of the pipeline
 - ▶ Devaluation of certification/preparation

Critical Issues to Watch

- ▶ A-F letter grades/accountability
 - ▶ State Board of Education
 - ▶ Equity
 - ▶ Purpose - who is the audience
- ▶ Legislative action
 - ▶ Vouchers
 - ▶ Tax cuts
 - ▶ Certification
 - ▶ Weird bills

Critical Issues to Watch

- ▶ Privatization
- ▶ Public support for public education

Who Should You Be Watching?

- ▶ Governor Ducey
- ▶ Legislative leadership
- ▶ Business leaders
- ▶ State Board of Education
- ▶ Your elected officials
 - ▶ State legislators
 - ▶ Congressional delegates
 - ▶ Governing board members

What Is At Stake?

- ▶ Short-term
 - ▶ Teacher retention
 - ▶ Economic development/growth
 - ▶ Access to quality education for ALL students
- ▶ Long-term
 - ▶ Property values
 - ▶ Economic stabilization/growth
 - ▶ State's reputation
 - ▶ Quality of life
 - ▶ Democracy

Why Should You Care?

- ▶ Democracy
- ▶ Your quality of life
- ▶ Use of your tax dollars
- ▶ Confidence in elected leaders
- ▶ Economic development
- ▶ Public policy aligned to your values

How Can I Help?

- ▶ Vote
- ▶ Request to Speak system
- ▶ Establish a relationship with your legislators and congressional delegates
- ▶ Follow the issues - stay tuned
- ▶ Share the facts
- ▶ Speak out
- ▶ Volunteer at your local school
- ▶ Encourage others to consider teaching
- ▶ Connect to an advocacy group

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QUESTIONS?

Resources

- ▶ Az Schools Now
 - ▶ azschoolsnow.org
 - ▶ Strong Schools pledge
- ▶ Speak Out Arizona
 - ▶ arizonafuture.org
 - ▶ Connected to the Center for the Future of Arizona
 - ▶ Dedicated to increasing civic engagement
- ▶ Arizona PTA
 - ▶ azpta.org
- ▶ Expect More Arizona
 - ▶ expectmorearizona.org

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