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Arizona education association survey

LEAVE A COMMENT From the Ballotpedia Arizona Education Association is a 501 (c) (6) nonprofit organization and state affiliate of the National Education Association. The group aims to represent teachers in the state of Arizona by lobbying lawmakers on issues related to education. Because Arizona is a right-to-work state, the AEA does not participate in collective bargaining, and membership in the group is voluntary. Mission According to the organization's website, mission statement for the Arizona Education Association is, Keep the promise of quality public education. In addition, the group lists the following core values:[1] •Quality of public education for all We believe that all children are entitled to a free, quality public education. Rich or poor, black or white, gifted or disabled-all our children deserve the chance to grow, to learn, and to reach their potential. •Justice, justice and respect for all We believe that every person has the right to be treated fairly and with respect. Pupils and school staff should be honoured for their differences in culture, history, language, religion, physical condition, ethnicity and learning styles. These differences enrich our society. • Teaching as a valued profession Because of the power of education and its value for the future, for our society and for our children, we are working to increase the esteem with which education is held by society. •Training support professionals as valued partners We believe that all training support staff are an integrated partner in all areas of the learning process and are valued in public education. •Learning as community commitment schools is part of local communities. They reflect communities and can change them for the better. Communities and schools must come together to ensure that each of them continues to learn, grow and progress. [2] Background Arizona Education Association (AEA) dates its founding to 1892, when a group of Arizona teachers came together in protest against the outdated textbooks used in public schools. On its website, the group says since then the AEA continues to take the lead in advocating for support for Arizona's public schools, improving the quality of public education through positive change, and improving the professional lives of teachers and school staff. [3] Because Arizona is a right to work state, teachers can choose whether or not to join the AEA. The group's negotiating rights are therefore different from other educational associations around the country. In 2011, the East Valley Tribune described the differences between the collective bargaining seen in other states and the AEA's role in Arizona. The paper noted the Education Association represents teachers when lobbying Arizona lawmakers and in negotiating efforts, such as 'meet and confer' or 'interest based negotiations' school district leadership. [4] [4] 2016, after being elected president of the AEA, Joe Thomas described what he considered to be the organization's focus, saying: When school employees meet through Association work, they show their intent to create better public schools. The members of the Arizona Education Association lead from the values of fairness, justice and respect. [5] Work Professional services AEA provides professional support to members through training discounts for teachers who wish to earn continuing training credits. [6] The AEA also organises a series of professional development seminars on topics of interest to teachers, such as how to create optimal learning environments for students. [7] Lobbying AEA released their 2016 legislative and policy agenda, which included the following four objectives:[8] Advance sound education policy supporting high standards of teaching and learning and ensuring access to a high quality education for all Arizona students. Promote the necessary and appropriate funds for public education investing in Arizona's children and its future. Promote fairness and respect for public education and all public servants. Maintain a fair and secure pension system for current, retired and future school staff. For the 2016 legislative session, the organization listed the following as priority bills in the Arizona State Legislature: AEA Priority Bills, 2016[9] Bill AEA Summary AEA Position HB 2088 Prohibits public schools from administering specific assessments or studies to students without reporting and obtaining written informed consent from parents and prescribing penalties for violations. HB 2190 Repeals and amends several paragraphs in paragraph 15. Neutral HB 2401 Phases down the ability of a school district, in unit status, to levy taxes for desegregation at annual beginning in FY18, eliminate that ability at FY22 and require a ten-year phase down when a district reaches unitary status. HB 2480 Limits amounts to additional state aid to school districts to offset the 1% cap to \$1.5 million per county. HB 2482 Esa phases are eligibility for all public school students by 2019. K-5 eligible in FY17, K-8 in FY18 HB 2484 Requires JLBC to calculate a truth-in-spending estimate for the state budget and a published statement if the House or Senate propose/adopt a budget that exceeds that estimate. HB 2551 Requires a statement with the total dollar amount per student school district received from all funding sources (federal, state, and local), including capital and non-capital, in the previous fiscal year, to be included on bond and override advertising brochures sent to voters. HB 2620 Removes the dollar amounts that limit how much SBE can charge for renewal of certificates. HCR 2009 Directs the members of the IRC to be elected instead of HCR 2023 Subject to voter approval, the Legislature allows to amend, amend, or redirect funds from an approved ballot initiative or referendum with a 3/4 vote. HCR 2043 By voter approval, the legislature allows to revise a ballot initiative or referendum measure approved 2016 or later if they approve the review with a larger percentage than initiative or referendum. For measures adopted by two-thirds of the votes cast, the review shall promote the objective. SB1113 Appropriates \$250,000 to the Postsecondary Commission for the Existing Mathematics, Science and Special Education Student Loan Fund in FY2017. SB 1125 Phases down the ability of a school district, in unit status, to collect taxes for desegregation by annually beginning in FY18, eliminating that ability at FY22 and requiring a 10-year phase down when a district reaches unit status. Neutral SB 1208 Exempts non-governmental teachers in good standing entitled to reciprocity from AZ specific requirements. SB 1279 Phases ESA eligibility for all public school students in 2019. K-5 eligible in FY17, K-8 in FY18 SB 1280 Expands permitted uses for ESA funds to include: teaching for professional/life skills, associated services including oath and psychological evaluation, assistive technology and Braille translation services and uniforms. Extends eligibility to juxtaposed for existing recipients. SB 1313 Allows A and B schools to apply for SBE for the ability to certify their own teachers. Links ability to be certified for student performance. Applicants receive a standard certificate. SB 1376 Allows A&B school districts to consolidate with another school district regardless of location. Both boards must vote to put the issue on the ballot, 10% of voters in each district must sign the petition and both district voters must pass the measure. ED change limited consolidation for districts within 20 miles of each other. Neutral SB 1416 Clarifies the authority of SBE and SPI with respect to employees, certification, program management and other areas. The amendment from the floor clarifies further. Neutral SB1430 Makes changes to the A-F letter character calculations, takes specificity out of the law and adds more targets. The SB1455 Bill returned to original opt-out language on the floor (identical to Rep. Ackerley's HB2058), but still contained problematic provisions that are in violation of ESSA. SB1457 Establishes a process using independent evaluators to determine whether SPED ESA students qualify for transition services after 18 years. SB1502 Requires SBE to issue a teaching certificate to CTE instructors if they meet specific criteria. Waives SEI, AZ/US Constitution & proficiency exams. Neutral SB1516 Makes numerous changes to campaign finance statutes, including increasing extends the exceptions to these limits and campaign spending. SB1519 Requires a receipt for early collection of votes Neutral political activity Ballot measure activity, activity, Leadership The website of the AEA lists the following individuals as officers of the organization:[10] Andrew Morrill, President Joe Thomas, Vice President Nidia Lias, Treasurer Amber Gould , NEA State Director Judy Moy, Retired Director Melody Bach, ESP Director-at-Large Cyndi Tercero, ESP Director-at-Large Website of AEA lists the following persons as regional directors of the organization:[10] Dan Ireland , Region 1 Julie Cieniawski, Region 2 Tom Oviatt , Region 3. April Coleman, Region 3 Maria Leyva, Region 4 Denise Albright, Region 4 Kyla Kushner, Region 5 Mindy Whalen, Region 5 Marisol Garcia, Region 6 David Hernandez, III, Region 7 Rachel Stafford, Region 8 Kinora Hernandez, Region 9 Mark DeGrow, Region 10 Noah Hayes-McKeirnan, Region 11 Eboney McKinney, Region 12 Nicole Cozad , Region 13 Following is a breakdown of the Arizona Education Association's revenue and expenses for the fiscal years 2011-2013 : Annual Income and Expenses for Arizona Education Association, 2011-2013 Tax Year Total Revenue Total Revenue 2013[11] \$5,684,564 \$5,552,173 2012[12] \$5,772,448 \$5,766,786 2011[13] \$6,814,282 \$6,830,364 Latest news The following link is to the latest stories in a Google news search for the terms 'Arizona Education Association'. These results are automatically generated from Google. Ballotpedia does not curate or approve these articles. See also National Education Association External links ^ Arizona Education Association, Our mission and values, accessed June 22, 2016 ; Note: This text is quoted verbatim from the original source. 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