



## A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS REPEALING DESEGREGATION FUNDING

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WHEREAS: There are 19 districts in Arizona who must budget for court orders of desegregation or OCR agreements;

CONSIDERING: That all programs funded in this way must be justified, budgeted and accounted for separately, and all expenditures must be detailed and reported to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), which then reports to the Governor on these programs;

UNDERSTANDING: About 22,500 ELL students would be harmed by the loss of funding that largely benefits them;

KNOWING: In most districts, 90 to 100 percent of these funds go directly in the classroom;

HAVING SEEN: That the Governor's Classrooms First Initiative Council has made progress to address critical needs such as these in our school funding formula; and

RECOGNIZING: The efforts to eliminate the ability of districts with these agreements and court orders to collect desegregation funding entirely and without a replacement source of funding to protect high quality programs for our most vulnerable children;

### BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS GOVERNING BOARD:

1. Opposes HB2401 and SB1125, which would phase-out desegregation funding.
2. Supports all districts working hard to undo the history of discriminatory practices and provide an excellent school choice for the students that need it most.
3. Affirms its belief that getting rid of this funding takes dollars out of the classroom and harms our best-performing programs for the most vulnerable populations.

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