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Monthly Newsletter of the Arizona Coalition of School Board Members

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Update on Bills at the AZLeg!

There have been a few updates to the list of bills we are currently tracking that improve parental rights and put students first. Please email me with any questions!

- **SB1412** - Waiting House Rules Committee
- **SB1159** - Waiting on Speaker Bowers to hear in Committee of the Whole
- **SB1269** - Waiting on Speaker Bowers to hear in Committee of the Whole.
- **HB2439** - **Passed**, Waiting on Governor
- **HB2495** - **Passed**, Waiting on Governor
- **HB2498** - **Passed, Signed**
- **HB2616** - **Passed, Signed**
- **SB1211** - **Failed**, **being reconsidered**.
- **SB1198** - **Failed**, Senate Committee of the Whole
- **HB2284** - **Dead**, did not receive Committee hearing
- **HB2803** - **Dead**, striker amendment added
- **SB1011** - **Dead**, did not receive floor vote
- **SB1707** - **Dead**, striker amendment added

Click [here](#) to search the full text of the above bills!

Summer Training Conference



14th: Summer Training (8 AM - 4 PM)

Summer Training

Location: East Valley Institute of Technology - Mesa Campus
1601 E Main Street, Mesa, AZ 85201

Please join The Coalition and Building Education for Students Together (BEST) for an in-person training event! Speakers will be announced soon. Cost \$50 for members; \$75 for non-members. Ticket price will include continental breakfast and lunch.

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Sign up to attend on the member event page or click [here](#)!

Active Member Profile: Chrystal Chaffin Dysart Unified School District

Q: How long have you been a school board member and do you hold any positions?

A: I have been a board member for 16 months.

Q: How do you work to put Students First in your capacity as a board member?

A: I am vigilant in regards to the curriculum and what is being taught in our classrooms. I have also been vigilant in making sure that our district funds are being used properly.

Q: What has been your favorite training/speaker/opportunity The Coalition has provided?

A: I enjoyed the training on how policies are made. This information was very beneficial, as we continuously monitor our policies each month.

Q: Anything else you want to tell me!

A: I am a certified teacher, currently working as an instructional coach. This is my 16th year in education. I love Jesus! My life's purpose is to glorify God. I was set apart for a time such as this, and I wholeheartedly believe that God has called me to this service.

My top priorities are to keep indoctrination out of our schools and fiscal responsibility.



Chrystal Chaffin
**ON HER TOP PRIORITIES AS
A BOARD MEMBER**



Associate Member Profile: Carine Werner Scottsdale Unified School District

Q: In what ways and for how long have you been involved in education?

As a mother of three, I have been involved in education for 22 years. I have been on the front lines and in the trenches, serving in leadership roles on the PTA. Leading fundraisers and food and clothing drives. In the classroom, supporting teachers and staff, always advocating for students' and teachers' needs and parents' rights! I bring my passion for our children's future, respect for our parents, and the ability to build trust and reach consensus with those of differing viewpoints, all while meeting with administrators and serving on committees and in the schools. Reviewing curriculum, successfully removing resources and content that lacked merit and quality, and recommended quality resources with merit to be used by teachers.

As an English Language Learner myself, I am on the ELD Task Force committee along with a team of teachers, administrators, community members, and parents to help create a program that supports all students. Especially those who come here from all different backgrounds and don't speak or understand English. Bringing my solutions-oriented mindset and ideas to empower students and teachers to succeed in the program, achieve academic excellence, and thrive in school.

Our students are our future and must be given the opportunity to thrive; the Coalition's mission gives school board members a source for quality governance, free from political ideologies that are currently clouding schools, and puts truth in education at the forefront, fulfilling my passion for putting our students and their academic achievement first.

Carine Werner

**WHY SHE IS PASSIONATE
ABOUT THE COALITION'S
MISSION**

Q: What has been your favorite opportunity The Coalition has provided?

The Coalition's workshop last December was extraordinary. Each speaker was better than the next. It opened my eyes to why we are seeing the academic decline and culture in our schools and armed us with tools to put into action to make a positive change. The monthly calls are empowering and fundamental in educating and supporting its members.

Q: What is one thing you would like our members to know about you?

When children are in need, I take action! In May of 2020, the community was in lockdown; Zoom was the new classroom, and athletics were canceled. I recognized the harmful impacts of closing down the one outlet for physical exercise and camaraderie that students desperately needed. I gathered 140 parents and launched a campaign to get summer sports started. Within 24 hours, an emergency board meeting was scheduled, resulting in summer sports starting two weeks later. I spoke with a Coach recently, and he said, "Carine, had you not done that, we would not have had sports in 2020." I am a relentless advocate for children, parents, teachers, and our community members. I am beholden to no one, no philanthropies, unions, or special interests. I always advocate and take action for what's in the best interest of our students.

SB1159

Bill Spotlight

TEACHER CERTIFICATION; LEADERSHIP PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Bill Summary

This bill modifies the requirements for a school district or charter school to be a classroom-based preparation program provider to train candidates for classroom-based standard teaching certificates. A school district or charter school is allowed to employ and enroll any candidate into its classroom-based preparation program who meets the background and fingerprint clearance card requirements and who holds at least a bachelor's degree. A candidate without a bachelor's degree is authorized to enroll if the candidate meets a list of specified requirements, including current enrollment in a bachelor's degree program. School districts and charter schools are authorized to apply to the State Board of Education (SBE) for authority to approve the certification of principals, assistant principals, supervisors and other school-level leadership positions as a locally based school leadership preparation program provider. SBE is required to adopt rules for this program, and provisions that must be included in the rules are listed. A school district or charter school is permitted to employ and enroll any interim principal, interim assistant principal or interim supervisor certification holders with a bachelor's degree into its locally based school leadership preparation program. A person with a subject-matter expert standard teaching certificate is allowed to provide instruction in the person's field of expertise in kindergarten programs and grades 1 through 5, only in an approved subject area that is relevant to the person's subject-matter expertise. Deletes the requirement for a teacher certification renewal applicant to have at least 10 years of verified full-time experience in Arizona in the area in which the person is seeking renewed certification. A person is no longer required to have a baccalaureate degree to obtain a substitute teaching certificate.

Action

Call or Email Speaker of the House, Rusty Bowers, and ask him to place SB1211 on the agenda for the Senate Committee of the Whole!

Speaker Bowers

Call: (602) 926-3128

Email: RBowers@azleg.gov



Training: Cash Policies in Your District

Training, Tricks, and Tools

Did you miss our Training: Cash Policies in Your School District? The recorded video is now available on the Resources section in the Member's Portal.



You can find the video of the Training [here](#), as well as the presentation shown in the video.



How to Get Involved

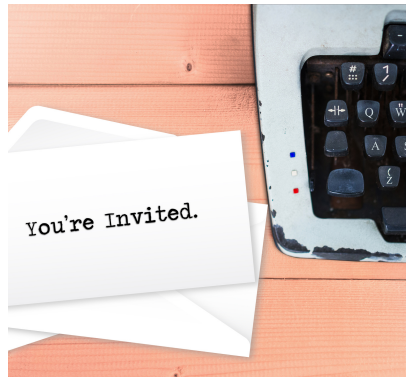
Next Steps

Now that you are a member, you may be wondering what the next steps are to help us put students first. We want to help make that easy for you!



Attend a Training

We have a variety of trainings coming up over the next few months. Sign up to attend on the member event page or click [here](#)! Remember, our training events are for our members. If you have friends who are interested in a training, please have them contact Katie at Katie@azcoalition.org!



Invite your Friends

Our members will be at the forefront of the mission to put Students First. We want our members to be ready to support policy that aligns with our mission, but we need an army to do it.



Sign Up for an Account on RTS

Request To Speak (RTS) is a system utilized by the Arizona Legislature to support or oppose bills as they go through the legislative process. RTS is an online, thumbs up, thumbs down system where you can express your support or opposition to a bill. please sign up by clicking [here](#)!