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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!

- **HB2112 - Now SB1412 (striker);** Waiting House Rules Committee
- **HB2284 - Dead, did not receive Committee hearing**
- **HB2439** - Waiting on Sen. President Fann to hear in Committee of the Whole
- **HB2495** - Waiting on Sen. President Fann to hear in Committee of the Whole
- **HB2803 - Dead, striker amendment added**
- **HB2086** - Waiting on Sen. President Fann to hear in Committee of the Whole
- **HB2616** - Waiting on Sen. President Fann to hear in Committee of the Whole
- **SB1159** - Waiting on Speaker Bowers to hear in Committee of the Whole
- **SB1211** - Waiting on Speaker Bowers to hear in Committee of the Whole
- **SB1011 - Dead, did not receive floor vote**
- **SB1198 - Failed Senate Committee of the Whole**
- **SB1707 - Dead; striker amendment added.**
- **SB1269** - Waiting on Speaker Bowers to hear in Committee of the Whole (see more on pg. 5)

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

Join us for our upcoming events!



6th: Workshop: Understanding SB1269 (6:30 PM)

10th: Training: Cash Policies in School Districts (6:30 PM)

14th: Training: Cash Policies in School Districts (7 PM)

19th: Coalition Call: Bryan Parks (6:30 PM)

Workshop: Understanding SB1269 (The School Funding Formula)

Matt Simon from Great Schools Strong Leaders will discuss the striker amendment to Senate Bill 1269 that updates the school funding formula. Find out more about the amendment and get your questions answered regarding the changes!

Virtual Training: Cash Policies in School Districts

How much cash does your School District have in the bank? Millions? Where does the money come from? Where does it go? Where is it held? Join us for a primer on cash-controlled funds. We promise that you will want to research the cash-controlled fund balances in your district.

Coalition Call: Bryan Parks

Join us to hear from Bryan Parks, a School Board Member of Liberty 25 on how to make yourself a valuable member of your school board, and what have been his best practices so far.

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

Active Member Profile:

Jeff Fleetham

East Valley Institute of Technology
District 1

Q: How long have you been a school board member?

A: I was appointed to the East Valley of Technology (EVIT) Governing Board in October of 2020.

Q: Do you hold any of the positions on the board?

A: No additional Governing Board positions at this time.

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

A: Continue to engage and encourage industry partners to participate in the technical education of our students.

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

A: I love life, my family, my work. I grew up in Arizona and have lived and worked across this magnificent country but, Arizona is where my heart resides. I have been blessed with three terrific adult children, four exceedingly bright grandchildren, and a host of the best friends a man could hope for. I consider myself the Luckiest Man On The Planet. Currently, I am collecting petition signatures for the upcoming EVIT District 1 Governing Board Election.

I want to provide superior career and technical education to our East Valley sending districts' students and expand adult education offerings.



Jeff Fleetham
**ON HIS TOP PRIORITY AS A
BOARD MEMBER**



Associate Member Profile: Gina Bodman

Humboldt/Dewey Unified School District

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

A: I consider my involvement in education from when I started kindergarten and have five children ranging from ages 28 to 6 years old, I would have to say I have been in education an exceptionally long time. I had the privilege to homeschool my own kids for 4 years. I have watched education evolve from family/parent/child involvement to school/teacher/child involvement. It has gone from individual successes to corporate standards, suppressing individuality.

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

A: I have a heart for people and their stories. I have a heart for families that must work hard to make ends meet and trust that when they drop their kids off at school, they will not be bombarded with ideologies that go against family and country.

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: The Light and The Glory Marshall/Manuel

Q: Anything else you want to tell me!

A: I am running for Humboldt/Dewey Unified School District School Board in 2022 and would love to have feedback from families, students, administrators or community members on questions or concerns that I would be able to address as a school board member. I can be reached at ginabodman@proton.com.

I passionately believe that when we value children's individuality and encourage critical thinking, and problem-solving, children are more than capable of thriving in education. I want to be the voice for children and parents to maintain educational freedom.

Gina Bodman

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

SB1269: School Funding Formula

Bill Spotlight

SB1269 (Striker): Conformity; Internal Revenue Code

Bill Summary

Establishes the State Student Funding Formula (state formula) and details funding, tax levy and budget calculations for charter schools and eligible school districts. Modifies the standard school finance formula (standard formula).

Arizona is a leader in providing educational options that put students first; however, our current funding structure creates huge disparities from school to school depending on the type (charter or district), and whether or not the district is able to convince voters to add additional money through bonds, overrides, or tax increases. The current funding formula was established in the 1980s and is in drastic need of change. The strike everything amendment to SB1269 provides this essential student-centric funding update!

Read the full bill text by clicking [here](#).

Want more information?

Click [here](#) to see our more detailed fact sheet on SB1269.

Action

Sign up [here](#) for our Understanding SB1269 virtual workshop with Matt Simon from Great Leaders Strong Schools! If you have detailed questions, please send them to Katie in advance so we can get them answered.



Training: How School Board Policies Are Made

Training, Tricks, and Tools

Did you miss our Training: How School Board Policies Are Made? 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

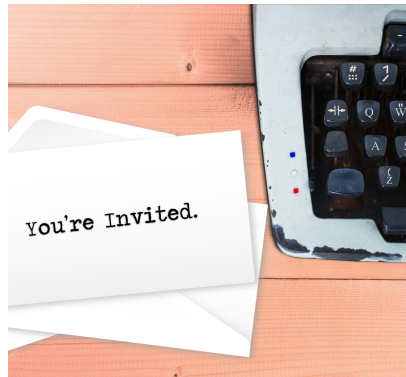
Next Steps

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](#)!