

INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET

**Miami Unified School District No. 40
of Gila County, Arizona**

SPECIAL ELECTION
November 7, 2023

Compiled and issued by
Roy A. Sandoval
Gila County Superintendent of Schools



FOLLETO INFORMATIVO

**Miami Unified School District
No. 40 del Condado Gila, Arizona**

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL
7 de noviembre de 2023

Recopilado y emitido por
Roy Sandoval
Superintendente de Escuelas del Condado Gila

TO THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT:

On Tuesday, November 7, 2023, the voters of the Miami Unified School District No. 40 (the "District") will be asked to authorize the district to continue to exceed its Maintenance and Operation Budget by 15% for a seven (7) year period of time, in fiscal years 2025-2031. In the final two years, the override percentage will be reduced by one-third each year.

The Governing Board has called this election to meet the current and future needs of the district.

This informational booklet has been published by the office of the Gila County School Superintendent to provide voters with factual information regarding the override election. The Governing Board and the County School Superintendent believe that District voters should be fully informed before casting their vote. You are urged to carefully read and consider the information contained in this report and to exercise your right to vote in this election.

When you cast your ballot, you fulfill your responsibility to your school district and determine a course of action consistent with your desire for the education of children in the district.

If you have any questions regarding this special election, call the Office of the Superintendent of the Miami Unified School District No. 40 at (928) 425-3271, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Respectfully,

Roy A. Sandoval

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Gila County School Superintendent

Compiled and issued by the Office of the Gila County School Superintendent in accordance with A.R.S. §15-481B.

MIAMI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

15% MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION BUDGET OVERRIDE

**A STATEMENT AS TO WHY THE 15% MAINTENANCE
AND OPERATION BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION
HAS BEEN CALLED**

The Governing Board of the District has called a special budget override election to be held on November 7, 2023 to request voter authorization to exceed the Maintenance and Operation Budget Limit by 15% of the revenue control limit to fund existing programs, such budget override to be in effect for a period of seven years. The override authorized by this election shall be funded from a levy of taxes on the taxable property within the District. The proposed 15% override is a continuation and increase of the existing 10% override.

correct to: District

With voter approval to continue and increase the override, it is estimated that the total amount of the 15% override for the fiscal year 2024/2025 will be \$1,013,548. If the override is not approved, the existing 10% override will phase out by reducing by one-third (\$225,233) in 2025/2026 and another one-third in fiscal year 2026/2027. The estimated secondary tax rate needed to fund the full override is \$0.83 per \$100 of net assessed valuation for secondary tax purposes.

The estimated cost to an owner of a home with a limited property value of \$51,030 (the average value of a home in the District) would be approximately \$42 per year.

The 15% Maintenance and Operation budget override would continue funding for programs currently serving District students. This override supports the District's efforts to help maintain present levels of service:

- Dual College Credit classes
- All-day Kindergarten
- Integrated Technology
- Music and Band
- P.E. and Athletics
- Art
- Class Sizes throughout the District

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**ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTIMATED AMOUNTS OF SECONDARY TAXES
PER A.R.S. § 15-481(B)**

Total amount of the current year's (2023/2024) M&O budget	\$9,285,063
Total amount of the proposed 2024/2025 M&O budget with voter approval of override (1)	\$9,808,613
Total amount of alternate 2024/2025 M&O budget without voter approval of override (1)	\$9,470,764
Estimated revenues to fund 15% M&O budget override	\$1,013,548
District's Current Net Assessed Valuation used for Secondary Property Tax Purposes (2)	\$122,362,005
Estimated Tax Rate per \$100 of Net Assessed Valuation used for Secondary Property Tax Purposes to fund 15% M&O budget override	\$0.8283

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-481(B)(11): The net assessed valuation and the estimated amount of the secondary property taxes to fund the increase, if the proposed 2024/2025 budget is adopted, for each of the following will be:

	<u>Limited Property Value</u>	<u>Assessment Ratio</u>	<u>Estimated Net Assessed Valuation (3)</u>	<u>Estimat ed Override Tax Rate (4)</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Tax Amount</u>
(a) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is the average assessed valuation of property classified as class three for the current year in the school district.	\$51,030	10%	\$5,103	\$0.8283	\$42.27
(b) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is one-half of the assessed valuation of the residence set forth in paragraph (a) above.	\$25,515	10%	\$2,552	\$0.8283	\$21.13
(c) An owner-occupied residence whose assessed valuation is twice the assessed valuation of the residence set forth in paragraph (a) above.	\$102,060	10%	\$10,206	\$0.8283	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> \$84.54 \$85.54 </div>
(d) A business whose assessed valuation is the average of the assessed valuation of property classified as class one for the current year in the school district.	\$202,982	17%	\$34,507	\$0.8283	\$285.82

- (1) The 15% maintenance and operation override authorization is a continuation and increase of the existing 10% maintenance and operation override authorized by the voters on November 5, 2019. If the override is not approved, the existing 10% maintenance and operation override will phase out by reducing one-third in fiscal year 2025/2026 and another one-third in fiscal year 2026/2027. The proposed and alternate 2024/2025 budgets represent the District's best estimate based on various assumptions relating to student growth and other factors affecting revenues and expenditures. In adopting such alternate budget, the Governing Board shall follow the procedures prescribed in A.R.S. Section 15-905 for adopting a budget that does not include any proposed increases not approved at an election, except for increases levied to meet a desegregation order, if applicable.
- (2) Current net assessed valuation for secondary property tax purposes is the 2023/2024 preliminary value provided by the Arizona Department of Revenue and includes Salt River Project valuation.
- (3) Estimated by Arizona Department of Revenue based on preliminary 2023/2024 net assessed valuation.
- (4) Per \$100 of net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes.

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**ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE
BUDGET OVERRIDE**

ARGUMENTS FOR

Miami Unified School District #40 is requesting the continuance and increase to meet the cost-of-living increases of a budget override. A yes vote would result in a continuation of current program. The assessed valuation of MUSD #40 has remained constant. The secondary tax assessment for the school district will continue to be spread over a large tax base and will increase by \$0.28 per \$100.00 of net assessed valuation.

Funds generated by the override will directly affect:

- Dual College Credit classes,
- All-day Kindergarten,
- Integrated Technology,
- Music and Band,
- P.E. and Athletics,
- Art, and
- Class Sizes throughout the District.

The district continues to improve in student academic achievement. MUSD serves the community, County, State, and Federal agencies whenever needed. Your decision to vote yes for MUSD budget override will enable us to continue our efforts to provide the high quality academic and extra-curricular opportunities to our students.

Respectfully,
Miami Unified Governing Board

As a graduate and proud parent of two Miami Unified School District graduates, I know the value that a well-supported school district has in the lives of its students. MUSD offers all students access to challenging and exemplary core programs, and vast opportunities in the smaller class sizes, arts, athletics, and career education. As an active community member, I understand how crucial override funds are to the stability of the district's maintenance and operations budget. These funds support current levels of academic programming and staffing, funding for full-day kindergarten, music, art, and smaller class sizes. Voters within MUSD's boundaries have consistently expressed a desire for strong K-12 programming and demonstrated a commitment to that vision through the passage of previous overrides. This commitment has helped insulate our classrooms from state cuts in education funding.

We as a community must again, do what the state doesn't see as a priority; to generate the necessary revenue to supplement the basic aid the state gives local districts. Join me in overriding the states inadequacy of funding for our schools and a renewed community commitment to MUSD's kids by voting YES. It is an easy way to provide high impact local funding, while maintaining current tax rates.

Matt Asanovich
MUSD Graduate and Miami Community Member
add: Claypool, AZ

I am a lifelong resident of Miami and a retired teacher from the Miami School District. I am in favor of the continued Override. We live in a small community and the override gives the students of the district opportunities that would not otherwise be available to them. Having Art, Music, PE and smaller class sizes helps set our students up for success. Supporting our youth is imperative not only to their future, but to the future of our community.

Please join me in supporting Miami Unified School District with a YES vote for the override.

Respectfully,
Marilyn Miller
add: Miami, AZ

As a Councilman for the Town of Miami, I urge you to cast a yes vote on this proposition. A "yes" vote will be to support and sustain quality education for the Miami Unified School District. The budget override will be used to offset the anticipated federal funding reductions, anticipated state funding cuts, to maintain essential staff positions, minimize class size increases, and minimize reductions to teacher and staff salaries and benefits. Our public schools' funding should not be limited by a decades-old funding formula that does not meet the needs of our students today. A yes vote would assure our students in Miami School District a quality education. Giving the students the opportunity for success will help not just currently, but also in the future. I fully support this and hope you will also by voting yes.

Sammy Gonzales
Town of Miami Councilman
add: Miami, AZ

To the Residents of Miami Unified School District:

A child's education is essential for their future successes and this "Pro-Statement" to continue the override funding for Miami Unified School District is critical in the already underfunded schools in the State of Arizona.

A "Yes" vote is to continue the current override which provides funding for full day kindergarten, art, music, PE, lower class sizes, and extra-curricular activities such as sports programs throughout the Miami Unified School District.

Let's not take any more away from our children. Together, let's continue to give our children the foundation they need to be successful, articulate, balanced, healthy adults.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Vargas
MUSD Educator (39 years)
add: Miami, AZ

Evelyn Vargas
Former MUSD Educator (15 years)
add: Miami, AZ

ARGUMENTS AGAINST

NONE SUBMITTED

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SAMPLE BALLOT

QUESTION NO. _

Shall the Governing Board of Miami Unified School District No. 40 of Gila County, Arizona (the "District"), adopt a General Maintenance and Operation Budget that includes an amount that exceeds the revenue control limit specified by statute by 15% for fiscal year 2024/2025 and for six subsequent years as described below? The fiscal year 2024/2025 budget override authority represents an extension and increase of the existing budget override authority which is scheduled to phase down by one-third for fiscal year 2025/2026, by another one-third for fiscal year 2026/2027, and will terminate for fiscal year 2027/2028 if the voters do not approve the override.

The amount of the proposed continuation and increase of the budget override over the alternate budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 is estimated to be \$337,849. In fiscal years 2024/2025 through 2028/2029 the amount of the proposed increase will be 15% of the District's revenue control limit in each of such years, as provided in Section 15-481(P) of the Arizona Revised Statutes. In fiscal years 2029/2030 and 2030/2031, the amount of the proposed increase will be 10% and 5%, respectively, of the District's revenue control limit in each of such years, as provided in Section 15-481(P) of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

Any budget increase authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes on the taxable property in this school district for the year for which adopted and for six (6) subsequent years, shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state and shall not be subject to the limitation on taxes specified in Article IX, Section 18, Constitution of Arizona. Based on the current net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes, to fund the proposed increase in the school district's budget would require an estimated tax rate of \$0.83 per one hundred dollars of net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes and is in addition to the school district's tax rate that will be levied to fund the school district's revenue control limit allowed by law.

BUDGET INCREASE, YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INCREASE, NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

[At the discretion of the County elections department, the question set forth above may be presented on the actual ballot in summary form, reading substantially as follows:]

A "yes" vote shall authorize the Miami Unified School District Governing Board to continue and increase the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and resulting tax, which includes an amount that exceeds the District's revenue control limit.

A "no" vote shall not authorize the Miami Unified School District Governing Board to increase the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and resulting tax.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION
Date of election is Tuesday, November 7, 2023

This Special Election will be held as a "Ballot-By-Mail" Election. There will be NO polling places. The procedures for this "Ballot-By-Mail" Election are as follows:

- The last day to register to vote for this election is October 10, 2023.
- Gila County Recorder's Office will send a ballot by first class mail to each registered voter approximately 27 days prior to Election Day. OFFICIAL BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS BEGINNING OCTOBER 11, 2023.
- Voters may return ballots to the Gila County Recorder's Office by (1) mailing them back in the postage prepaid envelope, or (2) hand-delivering ballots to the Gila County Recorder's Office, 1400 E Ash Street, Globe, no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election, November 7, 2023.
- Return ballot envelopes sent via U.S. mail are coded with a special postal code so that postal officials know to handle them with extreme care and promptness, and not to leave them unsecured. NOTE THAT RETURNED BALLOTS SENT VIA U.S. MAIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY GILA COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 7, 2023, FOR THE BALLOT TO BE VALID AND COUNTED.
- If voters misplace their ballot, do not receive a ballot, or spoil their ballot in any way, they may obtain a replacement ballot at the Gila County Recorder's Office, 1400 E Ash St, Globe, or telephone (928) 402-8740.
- If voters know that they will be out of town during the election period and they wish to have their ballot sent to an alternate address, they may contact the Gila County Recorder's Office at (928) 4028740 prior to October 3, 2023. ELECTION MATERIALS CANNOT BE FORWARDED.
- You may track your Ballot-By-Mail status at <https://my.arizona.vote> or call the Gila County Recorder's Office at (928) 402-8740.

TO VOTE USING ASSISTANCE

Gila County voters may request braille or large print ballots by calling (928) 402-8709. Voters who need assistance due to a confining illness or disability may request a Special Election Board. Call (928) 402-8740 the Gila County Recorder's Office before the close of business Friday, October 27, 2023.

BALLOT REPLACEMENT SITE

Gila County Recorder's Office
1400 E Ash Street
Globe, AZ 85501
Phone No. (928) 402-8740
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

If you do not know if you are qualified to vote in this election, please call the County Recorder's Office.

Roy A. Sandoval
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Gila County School Superintendent

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MATERIALES OFICIALES ELECTORALES - SOLAMENTE UN FOLLETO SE HA ENVIADO A CADA DOMICILIO EN EL CUAL RESIDE UN VOTANTE REGISTRADO. FAVOR DE UTILIZARLO PARA TODOS LOS VOTANTES REGISTRADOS EN SU DOMICILIO.