

Argument AGAINST Prop. 402- Capital Override-TUSD

Taxes collected by the federal government on phone bills, called E-rate monies, are distributed to school districts to enhance technological communications.

Other school districts get this money, but for years the funds have been denied to TUSD, due to noncompliance with requirements. TUSD continues to hire consultants to help acquire the millions of dollars that we should be receiving.

Now, taxpayers are being asked to approve an override tax increases to provide these millions of dollars that TUSD has failed to acquire, due to incompetence, and malfeasance. TUSD continues to operate under agreement with the Arizona Attorney General following findings of violations of the School Procurement Code, split purchases, lack of competitive bidding, and acceptance of gifts from vendors.

Recently, TUSD acknowledged wrongful spending of \$3.6 million dollars of bond funds approved by voters in 2004, despite having a Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee to approve proposals before they are submitted to the Governing Board.

The TUSD Board recently approved taking money for a practice gymnasium at Tucson High out of desegregation funds, even though voters had already approved bond money for this same purpose in 2004.

PLEASE VOTE NO! No more bond money until they clean up their act!