

Argument Against M&O Override - TUSD

What is this override all about?

1st- TUSD is supporters are asking that we tax ourselves above the state mandated limit to refill TUSD's coffers for maintenance and all-day kindergarten due to the current economic downturn. However economists generally agree that our economic recovery should begin in a few months. So why are we being asked to make up for TUSD's current financial squeeze for seven years, long after the current downturn has passed?

2nd-TUSD says that the override will guarantee full day kindergarten. However, all day kindergarten has been funded by the state and is in the state budget.

3rd- TUSD has had a laundry list of questionable financial dealings in the recent past – from contract splitting to avoid competitive bidding as revealed by our state Attorney General to questionable land swaps with developers as revealed by the Arizona Daily Star article of 14 Dec 09 (“Land swap by TUSD is raising eyebrows”).

Shouldn't we be assured that our tax monies are going where they should go – to benefit our kids, not contractors or developers, before we hand over even more of our money, especially in these hard times? **Vote NO on this unnecessary override.**