

AEN Community Forum

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Budget Reductions 2008-2009

- Reduction to Soft Capital of \$364,276.
- Building Renewal Funding loss of \$ 2,199,450.
- Base Support Level cut of \$1,769,748.
- Sweep of Cash Balances \$2,659,713.



Budget Reductions 2009-2010

- Career Ladder Funding reduction of \$340,120.
- Soft Capital Cut of \$2,443,735.
- Base Support Level Cut of \$490,000.
- Building Renewal Loss of \$2,199,450 (last time the formula was fully funded was 2006-2007).



Arizona's Budget Deficit

- Over 40 states have a current year and projected future year budget deficit related to the current economic downturn.
- As a percent of the total state general fund, Arizona's budget deficit is one of the largest in the nation.



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- Per \$1,000 of personal income, Arizona's revenue (taxes and fees collected) ranks 45th in the nation.
- According to the Tax Foundation - Arizona ranks 41st, the lowest on record, in its tax effort.



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- Considering inflation and population growth, revenue in the current fiscal year is nearly \$2.6 billion less than it would have been had a long series of tax cuts not taken place.



K-12 Education Per Pupil Funding

- Arizona ranks 50th in the nation in any fair comparison of per pupil spending.
- Arizona spends \$6,248 per pupil (2006-07), \$3,000 less than the national average of \$9,389.
- Every national ranking of per pupil funding consistently shows Arizona at or near the bottom of the 50 states.
- From 1986-87 through 2006-07, Arizona's percentage change in expenditure per pupil has been -0.96%, while nationally it was 36.56%. This means that Arizona has actually decreased its relative per pupil funding while other states have increased their expenditures.

Source: American Legislative Exchange Council Report Card on American Education, 2006-07 figures.

http://www.alec.org/am/pdf/education/2008_report_card/arizona08.pdf



Class Size

- Arizona's class size average is second highest in the nation, with an average of 24.2 students per class, compared to a national average of 15.3.
- Arizona is one of only four states in the nation that have increased class sizes over the last ten years.
- Arizona increased its class size average 31.72% over the last 20 years, while the nationwide average fell 11.9% over the same time period.

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