



Legislator Education Survey 2010

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- 1 In an effort to balance our state budget, legislators have recently reduced Arizona's K-12 and university/community school budgets by more than \$2 billion during the past two years. During this next session, legislators still need to address the structural budget deficit that remains. Which of the following best describes your approach to balancing the budget?

Answer

Enact further cuts to K-12 and higher education funding as they make up a large share of the overall budget.

Stabilize funding to education at existing levels until our economy recovers.

Find ways to recover the \$2.2 billion that was cut. Examine how state revenues are spent and whether the state collects enough revenue to meet its needs.

Comment: I firmly believe we need to follow the Arizona Constitution especially Article XI, section X. This states that the Legislature shall make such appropriations, to be met by taxation, as shall insure the proper maintenance of all state educational institutions, and shall make such special appropriations as shall provide for their development and improvement.

- 2 Do you support efforts to readdress Arizona's tax structure to alleviate the reliance on fluctuating sales tax?

Answer

Yes

No

Comment: I will work to restructure this and as a component of this process the school finance formula. For example, we should have a better strategy and plan for using State Trust Lands to support Public Schools.

- 3 Arizona's current budget was devised using a series of cuts, borrowing, financial deferrals and the voter-approved temporary sales tax increase. Which of the following fiscal measures would you consider supporting this year? (Please check all that apply.)

Answer

An effort to close existing tax loopholes

Increase personal income tax

Enact a flat tax on corporate/individual income