



**Arizona Statewide Public Opinion Survey**  
**Conducted on behalf of Expect More Arizona - December 14-19, 2015**  
**600 Respondents • Margin of Error +/-4.08%**

- **Arizona voters believe Education is the #1 Issue – and want more funding and support for teachers and schools**
  - Arizona voters believe that funding and improving public education is the most important issue facing our state (41%), over immigration/border security (12%) and the economy (10%).
    - When asked about what issues in education were most important, voters said teacher pay (16%) and increasing funding for Arizona schools (22%) were the two top issues.
  - When we asked where to find the funding, Arizona voters believe surplus dollars (64%) and future renewal of Prop 301 (56%) and Prop 123 (53%) are the best sources to use. However, they do not believe using the Rainy Day Fund is a good source (only 28% support).
  - Voters respond strongly in support of Prop 123 as one important step towards solving education funding issues in Arizona and believe it should be supported by additional new funding (66%).
  - When asked what they would be willing to pay more in taxes to support, higher teacher pay was the top issues across all parties (39% all, 38% R, 37% D, 40% I).
- **Overwhelmingly, Arizona voters support a world-class education for all**
  - Voters agree all students deserve a great education – their income, zip code or background should not dictate the quality of education that they receive (94%). They also believe that it is important to close the achievement gap (85%) so all students have the opportunity to succeed (85%).
- **Voters believe that increasing the number of people who graduate from the state’s public community colleges and four-year colleges will help improve the state’s economy (85%).**
- **Voters prioritize teachers, CTE and supporting low-income students**
  - Arizona voters believe strongly that students should have access to a great teacher and principal (92%). They also believe they should be proficient in reading by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (89%) and graduate from high school prepared for college and career (87%).
  - Arizona voters across all parties believe that programs that help students receive real-world training that prepares them for jobs should receive additional funding, which includes most notably Career Technical Education – 87% across all parties (R at 83%, D at 88% and I at 92%).
  - Arizona voters across all parties strongly believe schools should receive additional dollars to meet the needs of low income students (81%).
- **A majority of Arizonans believe they have a role to play in supporting education (80%) and said that voting would be their primary way to do so.**