

Example Ballot

Litchfield Elementary
School District No. 79

SPECIAL ELECTION

November 2, 2021

All-Mail Ballot

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QUESTION

Shall the Governing Board of Litchfield Elementary School District No. 79 of Maricopa County, Arizona (the "School District"), adopt maintenance and operations budgets which allow the School District to continue to exceed the revenue control limit specified by law in the amount of not more than fifteen percent (15%) per fiscal year for fiscal year 2022/2023 and the next subsequent six (6) fiscal years thereafter?

The 2022/2023 proposed continuation of the budget increase of the School District budget will exceed the alternate proposed School District budget by \$0. The amount of the proposed increase will be based on a percentage of the School District's revenue control limit in future years as provided in Section 15-481(P), Arizona Revised Statutes. Any budget increase continuation authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes on the taxable property in this School District for the year for which adopted and for six subsequent years, shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state and shall not be subject to the limitation on taxes specified in article IX, section 18, Constitution of Arizona. Based on the current net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes, to fund the proposed continuation of the increase in the School District's budget would require an estimated continuation of a tax rate of \$0.85 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes and is in addition to the School District's tax rate that will be levied to fund the School District's revenue control limit allowed by law.

A "yes" vote shall authorize the Litchfield Elementary School District Governing Board to continue/extend the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and the resulting tax.

A "no" vote shall not authorize the Litchfield Elementary School District Governing Board to continue/extend the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and the resulting tax.

BUDGET OVERRIDE CONTINUATION, YES




BUDGET OVERRIDE CONTINUATION, NO



**Understanding the Litchfield Elementary School District
Override Continuation**

Local districts are authorized to ask local taxpayers to exceed the state mandated budget minimums to provide additional funding to supplement their Maintenance and Operations budget. This is done through a budget override. Litchfield Elementary School District has had an override in place since 1992. Here is some helpful information regarding the impact of the override continuation:

If the Override Continuation Passes:		If the Override Continuation Fails:
Allows the District to maintain current override for teacher and staff pay, school nurses, athletics, band and other programs.	Impact on Budget	If the override fails, the District will begin a three-year budget reduction plan to phase out the override by July 2025.
Maintains current funding to attract and retain quality teachers and staff.	Impact on Teachers	Does not support current funding for teachers and staff.
Continues a school nurse position at each campus.	Impact on School Nurses	Potentially reduces and/or eliminates school nurse position at each campus.
Supports current staffing levels for all schools in the District.	Impact on Staffing	Requires the District to examine which staff positions (teachers, school nurses, and more) and programs to reduce and/or eliminate.
Maintains investment in teaching positions in art, band, P.E., athletics, music, and more.	Impact on Special Programs	Potentially reduces and/or eliminates teaching positions in art, band, P.E., athletics, music, and more.
Total annual property tax investment for the current 15% override is about \$85 for every \$100,000 of assessed home value.	Impact on Property Taxes	Reduces current override by 33% each year, beginning July 2023. The current override comprises \$9.4M of the District's budget.
Allows local control of the District budget and allows the District to continue exceeding Arizona state mandated per pupil funding which is among the lowest in the nation.	Impact on Local Control	Rejects local control and additional funding for teacher and staff pay and benefits.