

Wickenburg Unified School District #9

OVERRIDE FACTS SHEET

- The Maintenance and Operations (M & O) Fund is the District's "general fund" for all intent and purposes. Since 82% of the District's expenditures are used for salaries and benefits, this Fund's expenditures primarily translate to jobs and their accompanying benefits.
- This is not a new tax, but rather a renewal of the existing M & O Budget Override.
- The M & O Budget Override raises approximately \$625,000 per year in support of salaries, benefits and operational expenses.
- The M & O Budget Override funds are in effect for seven years. The District receives full funding for five years. If not renewed, the amount decreases by one-third in the sixth year and two-thirds in the seventh year. In year eight, it expires.
- An owner occupied residence with a full cash value of \$214,000 will pay an estimated \$4.50 per month if the Override is renewed, which is approximately the same as is paid currently.
- If the Override fails, the District would lose approximately \$625,000 over the next three years, which is a dollar amount equivalent to support 9.5 teachers, 3.5 classroom aides, and \$25,000 in supplies and materials.
- What will the M & O Override do for our students?
 - Provide teachers, Aides, and supplies for classrooms.
- The M & O Override will be on the November 3, 2009 ballot; early voting for the measure will start October 8, 2009.

Polling Locations (subject to change)

Maricopa County Residents

Wickenburg Community Center
160 N. Valentine St.
Wickenburg

Yavapai County Residents

Vote by Mail

OR

If a statewide election is called,
vote at:

Congress Community Center
26750 Santa Fe Rd.
Congress, AZ

Festival Residents

(Retirement and Family Communities)

Festival Foothills Elem. School
26252 West Desert Vista Blvd.
Buckeye, AZ