

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A DISTRICT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OVERRIDE?

A District Additional Assistance (DAA) Override is a special election requesting voter approval for a secondary tax levy to pay for capital needs that cannot be met by a school district's regular capital budget. Arizona Revised Statute §15-481 grants public school district governing boards the authority to call for a District Additional Assistance Override election. Per statute, a DAA District Additional Assistance Override is limited to the lesser of a specified dollar amount or 10% of the Revenue Control Limit. The Revenue Control Limit is a State Formula, based on the Base Support Level plus the annual audit adjustment plus transportation funding.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED A "CAPITAL ITEM"?

Library books, textbooks, athletic and fine arts equipment software furniture, fixtures, equipment, and technical hardware.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DISTRICT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, BOND, AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS?

DAA is for capital purchases, such as furniture, fixtures, equipment, workbooks, kits, sheet music, curriculum, etc. Bonds are used primarily for buildings and buses. Maintenance and Operations funds pay for salaries, benefits, utilities, supplies, and services.

WHEN WAS THE LAST DISTRICT ASSISTANCE OVERRIDE?

The last DAA Override election was held in November of 2016 and provided the District with \$8.5 million for capital items. It took effect July 1, 2017 and runs through June 30, 2024.

IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A DISTRICT ASSISTANCE OVERRIDE, WHY ARE YOU ASKING FOR ANOTHER ONE?

The current DAA Override is set to expire on June 30, 2024. We are asking that it be renewed a year ahead of time so that if it does not pass in November, the district has the option of calling for another election before the funds expire. This is a common practice of Arizona school districts.

THE CURRENT DISTRICT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OVERRIDE IS CAPPED AT \$8.5 MILLION. THIS OVERRIDE IS CAPPED AT \$14.5 MILLION. WHY ARE YOU ASKING FOR MORE THIS TIME?

Inflation since the current override was approved in November 2016 until March 2022 has increased by over \$1.6 million (consumer price index, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). If approved in November, a DAA District Assistance Override would be in effect until June 30, 2030, another seven years. Increasing the cap would provide the District the funding needed due to inflation from 2016 to 2022, as well as potential inflation over the next seven years. Additionally, the State did not fully fund DAA District Additional Assistance until the current Fiscal Year, 2021-2022, and it has not taken action to increase that funding.

HOW MUCH WILL THE DISTRICT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OVERRIDE COST THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER?

According to the State and County Abstract from the Arizona Department of Revenue, the average home value in Scottsdale is \$498,108. At this home value, the current District Additional Assistance Override is \$0.1381 per \$100 of property taxable value, or \$68.79 per year. Based on the current assessed valuation, an override of \$14.5 million would cost that same homeowner an estimated \$117.35 per year, an increase of \$48.56, or \$4.05 per month.

10% Assessment Ratio on a Limited Property Value of \$498,108
Estimated Net Assessed Valuation \$49,810.80
Per \$100 of Net Assessed Valuation = \$498.11 at a Tax Rate \$0.2356
Estimated Annual Tax Amount of \$117.35 Per Year

WHAT WOULD THE DISTRICT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OVERRIDE BE USED FOR?

The DAA District Additional Assistance Override will be used for furniture, fixtures, and equipment, library, athletics, fine arts, playgrounds and facilities, curriculum, and technology. Examples of items include that could be purchased with these funds are student desks, chairs, filing cabinets, library books, student tables, learning areas in the library, innovation rooms, athletic equipment, uniforms, E-Sports equipment, musical instruments, choral risers, lighting, sound system repairs to auditoriums, gyms, and stadiums, playground equipment, shade structures, outdoor learning centers, STEM resources, science kits, instructional software, laptop refresh and interactive displays.