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School Bond Overrides

School Bond Overrides are proposals to go past the limit that a school's budget has. This is to be able to ask for more funds to pay for certain projects, programs, or initiatives that the school district is wanting to fund. Voters decide if the proposed override will be implemented or not. The main source of funding for public schools in Arizona is state funding, and this depends on how many students are enrolled. There are also federal funds for programs such as free and reduced lunch, etcetera.

Definition for Bonds

- Bonds are a funding source for public schools. They allow for schools to have more resources for their students
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Propositions

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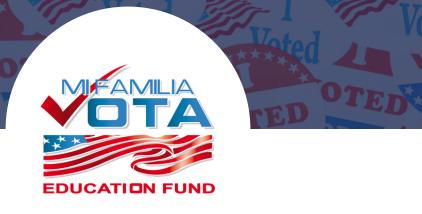
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