

Poll Shows What Arizona Voters Want: A Clean Prop 123 Renewal with Raises for Arizona's Teachers AND School Support Staff

A new poll¹ shows that Arizona voters – especially parents – strongly support a **clean renewal** of Proposition 123 and are less likely to support the Republican proposal to exclude school support staff from much-needed raises for Arizona educators.

Prop 123, first approved by voters in 2016, directs money from the state land trust to Arizona's public schools – providing critical funding without raising taxes.

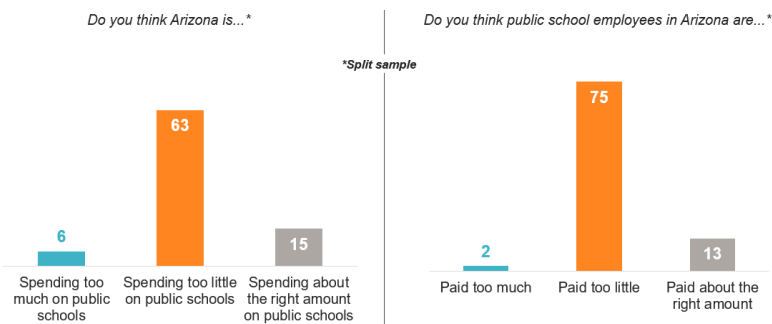
Arizona voters – especially parents and Latinos – rank education as their top issue, even when polled about other hot-button issues, including crime and public safety and immigration. They strongly support Arizona public schools and educators and believe that schools are underfunded and staff are underpaid. **That's why voters favor renewing Prop 123 in its current form, with funding directed to both teachers and support staff — not limited to teacher salaries or tied to performance-based pay.**

GBAO polling shows that voters are **more likely** to vote for a state legislator who supports a clean renewal of Prop 123 and **less likely** to support legislators who vote for the Republican proposal to cut funding for support staff, including teachers' aides, security guards, and custodians.

This memo highlights key findings regarding Proposition 123 from our recent voter survey.

Key Findings

- Majority of voters do not think Arizona public schools receive enough funding or that public school employees are paid enough.** Nearly two-thirds of voters feel that Arizona is spending too little on public schools and three quarters of voters feel public school employees (including teachers and support staff) are paid too little. Voters across partisan lines feel that Arizona is spending too little on schools and that public school employees are paid too little, rather than too much or the right amount.

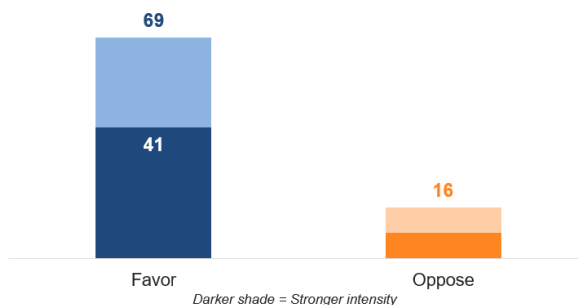


¹ GBAO conducted a survey of 800 voters statewide. This survey, on behalf of Arizona Education Association, was conducted March 26-30, 2025 and reached respondents on landlines, cell phones, and text-to-web. Results carry a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval.

- **The vast majority of voters support a clean renewal of Proposition 123.** Nearly 7-in-10 voters favor renewing Prop 123 to benefit Arizona K-12 schools and colleges, and 41 percent strongly favor it. Only 16 percent oppose the renewal. Across partisanship, voters support renewing Prop 123 as is with funding going towards teachers and support staff.

Proposition 123 provides an annual distribution of 6.9 percent from the State Land Trust Permanent Endowment Fund to benefit Arizona K-12 schools and colleges. The measure is set to expire this year.

Do you favor or oppose renewing Prop 123 through 2035?



- **Voters are much more likely to vote for a state legislator who will keep Prop 123 as is and keep funding for both teachers and support staff.** Sixty-two percent of voters are more likely to reelect a state legislator who voted for a clean renewal that keeps funding for both teachers and support staff, compared to just 9 percent who would be more likely to reelect someone who supported a version that cuts funding for support staff.

Would you be more likely to vote to reelect your state legislators if they...

