

**Arizona Education Association
Children's Action Alliance
The Friends of ASBA**

**Special Election Eve/Day Survey
May 16-17, 2016**

500 special election voters

	TOTAL N= 500	YES 220	NO 216
Gender			
Men	48	40	59
Women	52	60	41
Region			
Phoenix.....	19	21	19
Rest of Maricopa.....	40	38	41
Pima.....	19	18	20
South	9	13	6
North	13	10	14
Party registration			
Democrat	34	32	36
Republican.....	48	51	47
No party preference.....	10	9	10
Other.....	8	7	7

1. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a place where you can talk safely? **[IF NOT ON A CELL PHONE, ASK:]** "Do you own a cell phone?"

Yes, cell and can talk safely	32	34	29
Yes, cell and cannot talk safely	[CALL BACK]		
No, not on cell, but own one	61	59	63
No, not on cell, and do not own one	7	7	8
(don't know)	GO TO TERMINATE		

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MONDAY INTERVIEWS Q2-4

2. Often things come up and people are not able to vote. Thinking ahead to Tuesday’s elections, how likely are you to vote for the Education Finance Amendment, or Proposition 123? Are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

[IF CALLER SAYS THEY ALREADY VOTED PROBE:] Did you vote absentee or did you vote earlier in-person?

	N=	257	116	114
Almost Certain	Go to 3.....	61	62	58
Earlier in Person	Go to 4.....	10	11	10
Earlier Absentee	Go to 4.....	29	27	31
Probably	TERMINATE			
50-50	TERMINATE			
Probably not	TERMINATE			
Definitely not	TERMINATE			
(Don't know)	TERMINATE			

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3. **[ASK IF Q2=1]** Now I am going to read you the text of The Education Finance Amendment, or Proposition 123 that will be on the ballot on Tuesday.

The proposal increases annual distributions from the State Land Trust Permanent Endowment Fund from 2.5 percent to 6.9 percent to benefit Arizona K-12 schools, colleges and other beneficiary institutions.

A "YES" vote will increase annual distributions from the State Land Trust Permanent Endowment Fund in fiscal years 2016- 2025 from 2.5 percent to 6.9 percent of average monthly market values to benefit Arizona K-12 schools, colleges and other beneficiary institutions, including a roughly 260 million dollar distribution in fiscal year 2016; includes protections for state funds in the case of a severe economic downturn.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of retaining the existing 2.5 percent distribution formula from the State Land Trust Permanent Fund and maintain current funding levels for Arizona K-12 schools, colleges and other beneficiary institutions.

If the election were held today would you vote YES or NO on this amendment, or are you not sure?

[IF UNDECIDED/NOT SURE] Well which way do you lean?

[IF YES/NO] Is that a strong or not so strong yes/no?

	N=	156	72	66
Yes - Strongly	35	77	0	
Yes - Not Strongly	4	10	0	
Undecided - lean yes	6	14	0	
Undecided	10	0	0	
Undecided - lean no	4	0	10	
No - Not Strongly	8	0	18	
No - Strongly	31	0	72	
(Refused)	1	0	0	
Yes	46	100	0	
No	42	0	100	

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4. [ASK OF Q2=2 or 3] On the Education Finance Amendment, or Proposition 123, did you [ROTATE] _vote yes or _vote no?

[IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO SAY HOW HE OR SHE VOTED, SAY]: This survey is being done for research purposes only. Your willingness to discuss your vote is really important for assuring the accuracy of our research, and we promise that we will always maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your responses.

	N=	101	44	48
Yes	44	100	0	
No	47	0	100	
(don't remember)	0	0	0	
(Did not vote on Prop 123)	1	0	0	
(Refused)	9	0	0	

3/4. **Monday** Education Finance Amendment, or Proposition 123 combined

	N=	257	116	114
Yes	45	100	0	
No	44	0	100	
Undecided.....	6	0	0	
(don't remember)	0	0	0	
(Did not vote on Prop 123)	0	0	0	
(Refused)	4	0	0	

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TUESDAY INTERVIEWS Q5-8

5. Many people did not get a chance to vote in this special election. How about you? Were you able to vote today, or did you vote earlier in this election before today, are you voting later today, or like many people, did you not get a chance to vote?

[FOLLOW-UP]: Did you vote in person, by mail, or by absentee ballot?

	N=	243	104	102
Yes, voted on Election Day in person ... Go to 8.....	21	19	23	
Yes, voted on Election Day by mail/absentee ballot Go to 8	15	19	12	
Yes, voted early in person Go to 8.....	11	11	12	
Yes, voted early by mail/absentee ballot Go to 8.....	49	46	50	
Voting later Tuesday Go to 6.....	4	5	4	
No, did not vote	TERMINATE			
(not sure)	TERMINATE			

6. [IF Q5=5, VOTING LATER TUESDAY] How certain are you to vote for the Education Finance Amendment, or Proposition 123 – are you very certain, probably going to vote, are the chances about 50-50, will you probably not go to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

	N=	9	5	4
Certain to vote Go to 7.....	100	100	100	
Probably will vote	TERMINATE			
50-50	TERMINATE			
Probably will not vote	TERMINATE			
Definitely not voting	TERMINATE			
(don't know)	TERMINATE			

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7. **[ASK IF Q6=1]** When you vote later today on the Education Finance Amendment, or Proposition 123, will you **[ROTATE]** _vote yes or _vote no?

[IF UNDECIDED/NOT SURE] Well which way do you lean?

[IF YES/NO] Is that a strong or not so strong yes/no?

[IF RESPONDENT DECLINES TO SAY HOW HE OR SHE WILL VOTE, SAY]: This survey is being done for research purposes only. Your willingness to discuss your vote is really important for assuring the accuracy of our research, and we promise that we will always maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your responses.

	N=	9	5	4
Yes - Strongly	57	100	0	0
Yes - Not Strongly	0	0	0	0
Undecided - lean yes	0	0	0	0
Undecided	0	0	0	0
Undecided - lean no	0	0	0	0
No - Not Strongly	10	0	24	
No - Strongly	32	0	76	
(Refused)	0	0	0	
Yes	57	100	0	
No	43	0	100	

8. **[ASK IF Q5=1-4]** On the Education Finance Amendment, or Proposition 123, did you **[ROTATE]** _vote yes or _vote no?

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	N=	233	99	98
Yes	42	100	0	
No	42	0	100	
(don't remember)	2	0	0	
(Did not vote on Prop 123)	1	0	0	
(Refused)	13	0	0	

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7/8. **Tuesday** Education Finance Amendment, or Proposition 123 combined

	N=	243	104	102
Yes	43	100	0	
No	42	0	100	
Undecided.....	0	0	0	
(don't remember)	2	0	0	
(Did not vote on Prop 123)	1	0	0	
(Refused)	13	0	0	

3/4/7/8. Education Finance Amendment, or Proposition 123 combined

	N=	500	220	216
Yes	44	100	0	
No	43	0	100	
Undecided.....	3	0	0	
(don't remember)	1	0	0	
(Did not vote on Prop 123)	1	0	0	
(Refused)	8	0	0	

Among those who cast ballot

	N=	436	220	216
Yes	50	100	0	
No	50	0	100	

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9. [ASK IF Q3=1,2, Q4=1, Q7=1,2, Q8=1] What was the main reason you voted yes on Proposition 123?

Need to Fund Schools	38	38
Education important.....	23	23
Good for Teachers.....	22	22
Positive toward Goal.....	13	13
Will not raise taxes.....	3	3
Other	5	5

10. [ASK IF Q3=6,7, Q4=2, Q7=6,7 Q8=2] What was the main reason you voted no on Proposition 123?

Don't Agree with Source of Funds /Methodology	24	24
Misappropriating Funds	19	19
Don't Trust Politicians /Government	19	19
Bad for Teachers /Education	10	10
They have enough funding	9	9
Other	22	22

11. Do you think the State Legislature is doing an excellent, good, just fair, or poor job?

Excellent	2	2	1
Good	14	16	12
Just fair	36	42	31
Poor	39	30	50
(don't know/refused)	9	10	6
Excellent /Good	16	18	13
Just fair /Poor.....	75	72	81

12. Regardless of how you voted, do you think state funding for public schools should be increased, decreased, or kept at the same level?

Increased	76	89	67
Decreased	2	1	2
Kept the same	16	7	25
(don't know/refused)	6	3	6

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13. Do you approve or disapprove of the use of state land trust funds to fund education as part of Proposition 123? [IF CHOICE] Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Strongly approve	33	60	11
Not so strongly approve	12	20	5
Not so strongly disapprove	9	7	12
Strongly disapprove	38	7	67
(don't know/refused)	8	6	5
Approve	45	80	16
Disapprove.....	47	14	79

14. How important is the use of state land trust funds to fund education as part of your decision which way to vote – very important, somewhat important, a little important, or not important at all?

Very important	46	40	50
Somewhat important	29	36	24
A little important	8	9	8
Not at all important	11	10	11
(don't know/refused)	6	5	7
Important.....	76	77	74
Not important.....	18	19	19

15. In your opinion does Proposition 123 provide enough funding for public education, not enough funding, or too much funding for public education?

Enough funding	25	34	17
Not enough funding	45	49	44
Too much funding	11	2	20
(don't know/refused)	20	15	20

The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

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16. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else? **[IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT:]** Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)? **[IF INDEPENDENT:]** Would you say you lean more towards the Republicans or more towards the Democrats?

Strong Democrat	24	26	23
Not-so-strong Democrat	3	2	4
Independent - lean Democrat	5	7	5
Democrat	32	35	32
Independent	19	17	17
Republican.....	43	43	44
Independent - lean Republican	8	6	10
Not-so-strong Republican	6	6	5
Strong Republican	29	31	30
(Other)	4	3	5
(Don't know)	0	0	0
(Refused)	3	1	2

17. What is your age? **[IF REFUSED CODE AS 9]**

18. **[IF AGE IS REFUSED]:** I am going to read you some categories. Please stop me when we get to your category.

18-24 years	3	4	2
25-29 years	3	3	3
30-34 years	3	5	2
35-39 years	5	6	4
40-44 years	4	4	4
45-49 years	6	6	5
50-54 years	8	8	9
55-59 years	7	8	8
60-64 years	14	14	10
65-69 years	14	11	19
70-74 years	12	11	13
Over 74 years	22	20	22
(Refused)	0	0	0

19. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

1 - 11th Grade	1	1	1
High School Graduate	13	14	11
Non-College Post H.S.	1	2	1
Some College	27	27	25
College Graduate	34	34	33
Post-Graduate School	23	22	29
(Refused)	1	1	0

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20. Are you married, unmarried with a partner, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Married	68	66	72
Unmarried with Partner	3	2	2
Single	9	11	6
Separated	0	1	0
Divorced	7	7	7
Widowed	10	12	8
(Don't Know)	0	0	0
(Refused)	3	1	3

21. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home with you?

Yes	16	22	13
No	83	78	86
(Refused)	1	1	1

22. Are you a member of a labor union?

[IF YES] Are you a current member or retired member?

[IF NOT] Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union? **[IF YES]** Is that person a current member of retired member?

Yes, current labor union member	3	4	3
Yes, retired labor union member	8	7	10
No, but current member in household	3	4	2
No, but retired member in household	2	2	2
No, no member in household	82	84	82
(don't know/refused)	1	0	1

23. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background?

[IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, black, Asian, or something else?

White	83	79	87
Black/African American	1	2	0
Spanish speaking/Latino (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.)	10	13	7
Asian	1	1	0
Native American	1	1	1
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Arab American	0	0	0
(Other)	2	1	2
(Don't know / Refused)	2	2	1