



**GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A
FY2022 AGGREGATE EXPENDITURE LIMIT OVERRIDE**

WHEREAS, the Arizona Legislature passed, and Governor Ducey signed, the state's budget for the Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022), including appropriations for state funding to school districts; and

WHEREAS, this budget causes Arizona's education spending for the fiscal year to exceed the aggregate expenditure limit for K-12 education contained in the Arizona Constitution (Art. 9, Sec. 21); and

WHEREAS, the Laveen School District has timely and responsibly prepared its FY2022 budget in accordance with Arizona Law and with the expectation that the approved appropriation and revenue will be available to fund its obligations; and

WHEREAS, if the Constitutional Aggregate Expenditure Limit is not overridden, Laveen School District stands to be forced to cut \$8,949,716 from its budget on April 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the vote to exceed the Constitutional Aggregate Expenditure Limit is necessary to allow school districts to expend money that has already been appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of K-12 education; and

WHEREAS, a cut of this magnitude is disruptive to the operation of schools, thereby negatively impacting students, families, and employees; and

WHEREAS, a cut of this magnitude is completely avoidable and will significantly erode community trust in the legislative, appropriation, and budgeting processes; and

WHEREAS, the school district in our community is a source not only of learning, but also economic stability and development, and a cut of this magnitude will have an economic impact on all residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is within the Legislature's power under A.R.S. §15-944 to mitigate this looming fiscal crisis immediately by voting by a 2/3 majority to allow the expenditure of all appropriated funds in the Fiscal Year 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Laveen School District Governing Board, made up of locally elected and accountable members representing our community, does support the override of the Aggregate Expenditure Limit for the Fiscal Year 2022 and urges the Arizona Legislature to immediately pass a resolution that singularly, with no other stipulations, overrides the Aggregate Expenditure Limit for the Fiscal Year 2022, and that the Arizona Legislature approves and the Governor signs a new law that provides a permanent fix to the Aggregate Expenditure Limit issue.

DONE at a meeting of the Laveen School District Governing Board on February 9, 2022.

SIGNED:

Mrs. Jill Barragan
Governing Board President

Mrs. Fern Ward
Governing Board Clerk

Mrs. Michele Anderson
Governing Board Member

Dr. Ryan Senters
Governing Board Member

Dr. Torrence Watkins
Governing Board Member