



***The Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth exists to provide leadership in developing community-wide strategies that enhance the well-being of children and youth in Coconino County.***

CCC&Y Action and Outreach 2018 Election Positions. CCC&Y is a **non-partisan** organization. See what the candidates are saying at <http://coconinokids.org/get-involved/candidate-questionnaire/>.

### **Support- Encourage a Yes Vote**

**Prop 417** (CCC Override) Coconino Community College information <https://www.coconino.edu/prop-417>

**Prop 423** (FUSD Bond)

**Prop 424** (FUSD Override) FUSD Bond and Override information <https://www.fusd1.org/Page/14307>

Unfortunately, due to decades worth of cuts to education funding the overrides and bonds become necessary to conduct basic business.

### **Against- Encourage a No Vote**

**Prop 126** (Constitutional amendment to permanently block taxation of services)

CCC&Y recognizes that there are already protections in place that prevent taxation of services. We are concerned that a constitutional amendment is a permanent move that cannot control how the economy will grow and change in coming years as we move more toward services and away from goods. Prop 126 unnecessarily ties the hands of future legislators and could limit their budgeting capacity and therefore their governing ability. Our education system and vital services are already under-funded and this poses a long-term risk. For more information the Arizona Center for Economic Progress created this policy brief <https://www.azeconcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/2018-09-07-Prop-126-Handout.pdf>.

**Prop 305** (School Voucher Expansion)

CCC&Y opposes expansion of vouchers (Empowerment Scholarship Accounts ESAs) because of the impact it has on the general fund and there are growing concerns about the lack of transparency and accountability associated with these public funds. "The public dollars diverted from public schools through private school tax credits and ESA vouchers has grown from \$14 million in 1999 to \$253 million in 2018" read full report at <https://www.azeconcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/AZ-budget-2018-web.pdf>. Though we are diverting funds from public education, there is concern that low income students and those from underperforming schools are not utilizing these funds as they cannot afford the additional cost of private school tuition <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona-education/2017/03/30/arizona-taxpayer-funded-vouchers-benefiting-students-more-affluent-areas/99707518/>. Lastly, we are concerned about expansion of a program while concerns have been raised such as conflict of interest noted here <https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/laurieroberts/2015/07/28/steve-yarbrough-tax-credit-private-school-tuition/30760847/> and the overall cost of expansion listed here <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona-education/2018/04/05/gop-lawmakers-want-make-easier-use-controversial-voucher-program-again/440222002/>.

Expect More Arizona has prepared information about prop 305, the history of ESAs and their position at <https://www.expectmorearizona.org/blog/2018/09/17/proposition-305-expansion-of-empowerment-scholarship-accounts-referendum/>.