

**FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (FUSD)**  
**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO REPEAL DESEGREGATION FUNDING**

WHEREAS: There are 19 districts in Arizona, including Flagstaff Unified School District, that must budget for court orders of desegregation or OCR agreements; and

WHEREAS: This funding is all done with local property tax, reviewed by local tax payers every year, and has solid community support; and

CONSIDERING: That all programs funded in this way must be justified, levied from local property tax, budgeted and accounted for separately, and all expenditures must be detailed and reported to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), which then reports to the Governor on these programs; and

UNDERSTANDING: About 22,500 ELL students and many more disadvantaged students would be harmed by the loss of funding that enhances their opportunity to succeed; and

KNOWING: In most districts, 90 to 100 percent of these funds go directly into the classroom; and


KNOWING: That the take away of these funds will directly negate the Governor's efforts to improve K-12 Education through Prop 123; and


RECOGNIZING: That efforts to eliminate the ability of districts with these agreements and court orders to collect desegregation funding without a replacement source of funding that protects high quality programs for our most vulnerable children will result in OCR non-compliance.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS GOVERNING BOARD:

1. Opposes HB2401 and SB1125, which would phase-out desegregation funding.
2. Supports all districts working hard to undo the history of discriminatory practices and provide an excellent school choice for the students that need it most.
3. Affirms its belief that eliminating this funding takes dollars out of the classroom and harms our best-performing programs that serve the most vulnerable populations.

This resolution was moved, seconded, and passed at a meeting of the Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1 Governing Board on February 9, 2016.

  
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Paul Kulpinski, Board Member

  
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Kim Khatibi, Board Clerk

  
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Christine Fredericks, Board Member