



JUNE 2016 ASSOCIATION UPDATE

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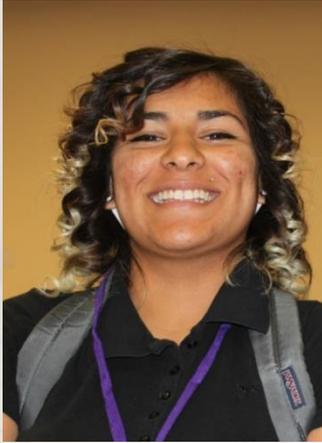


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alexandrea's story



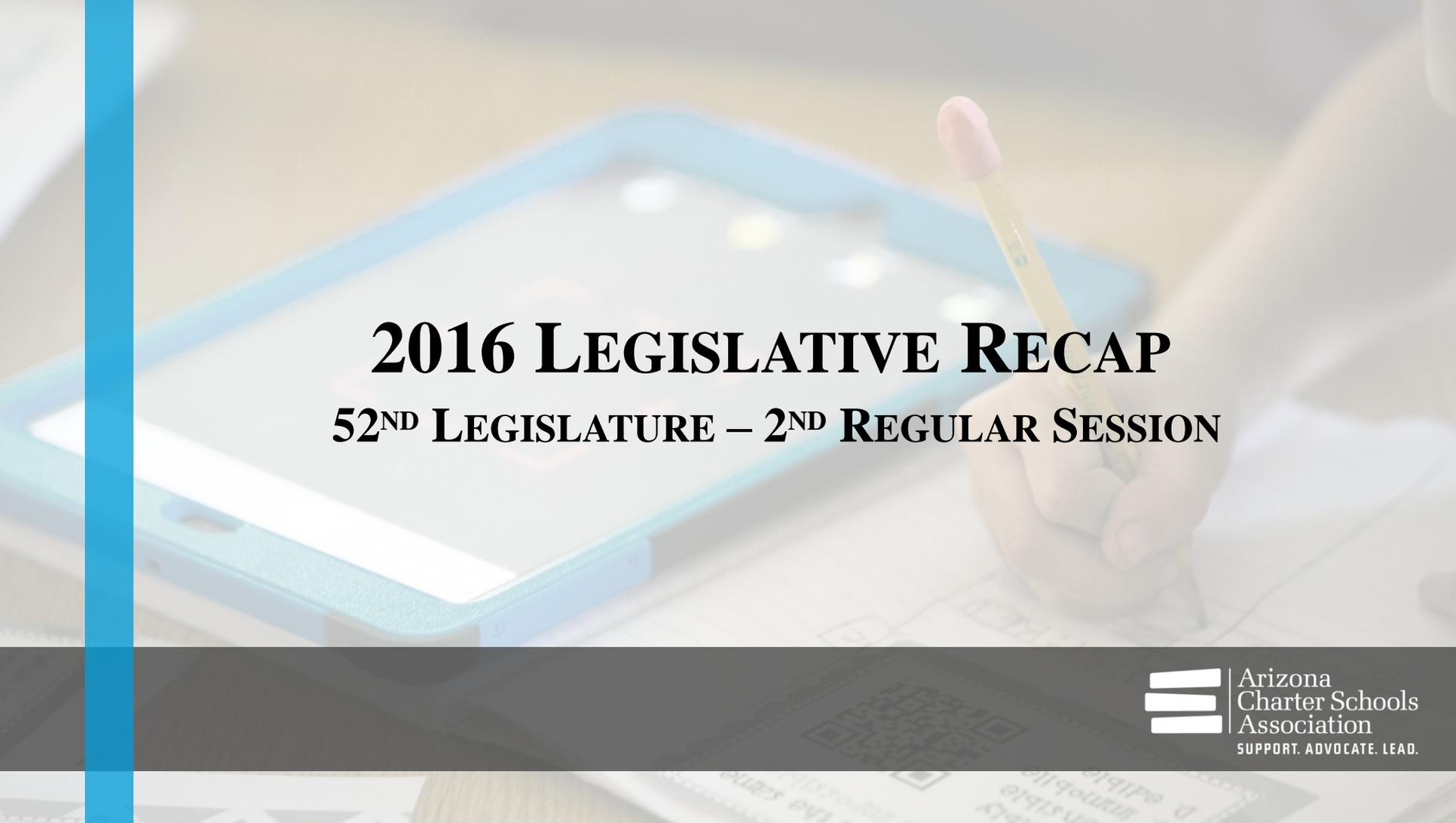
Only a few months into her freshman year, Alexandra Barajas was a high school dropout. Barajas was a promising student, but her life was in flux as she endured a childhood marked by a turbulent relationship with her parents, frequent moves to different homes and an unending concern for her younger brother and sister's well-being. Then her charter school principal intervened, issuing a simple challenge: break the cycle. Find out how a south Phoenix charter school helped Alexandra overcome life's obstacles to forge her own legacy.

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2016 LEGISLATIVE RECAP
52ND LEGISLATURE – 2ND REGULAR SESSION



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MAY 7, 2016
5:45 A.M.

BY THE NUMBERS

- Most bills become law by Aug. 6
- Association reviewed all 1,219 bills introduced this session
- Tracked all 170 education related bills

STRONG BUDGET

- Freeze the Small School Weight cut at FY16 levels (33%) — Holding schools harmless for FY17- which is an immediate \$10 million benefit.
- Increase additional assistance funding— This results in \$3 million to charters in FY17.
 - K-8: \$17.18 increase (\$1,752.10)
 - 9-12: \$20.02 increase (\$2,042.04)
- Formation of the Public School Credit Enhancement Fund —This fund will be leveraged to provide more than \$300 million of low cost financing for quality schools.
- In FY18, granting bonus funding to students who pass exams that lead to college credit.
- Restoration of JTED funding — This provides an immediate \$30 million benefit.

CHARTER PRIORITY BILLS PASSED

- Allowing charter schools access to the Extraordinary Special Education Needs Fund (HB2294) — Signed
- Creation of a menu of assessments for LEAs (HB2544) — Signed
- Reform A-F Accountability System and allow the State Board of Education flexibility (SB1430) — Signed
- Enrollment preference for children in foster care or children who meet the definition of unaccompanied youth prescribed in McKinney-Vento Act and establishes the Foster Youth Education Success Program (HB2665) — Signed
- Concurrent enrollment for students attending high school and community college clarified (HB2190) – Signed

DEFENSE

- Narrowed the scope and removed personal liability for schools providing surveys (HB2088) — Signed
- Modified language to benefit charter schools for fire safety inspections (HB2233) — Signed
- Stopped bills that would have curtailed charter expansion and added regulatory burdens.

PROPOSITION 123

These budget victories further underscored the importance of Proposition 123. Charter students will receive additional funding over the next 10 years including:

FY16
\$36.5
MILLION

INCLUDES THE ADDITIONAL
\$50 MILLION FOR ALL
STUDENTS

FY17
\$39.8
MILLION

PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$50
MILLION FOR ALL
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WHAT'S NEXT?



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REGISTER
TODAY

2016 ADVOCACY TOUR

- ✓ **Yuma** - Aug. 24 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ **East Valley** - Aug. 26 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ **Central Phoenix** - Aug. 31 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ **West Valley** – Sept. 1 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ **Flagstaff** - Sept. 2 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ **Prescott** - Sept. 2 from 1-2:30 p.m.
- ✓ **Tucson** – Sept. 6 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ **Kingman** - Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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CLASSROOMS FIRST INITIATIVE COUNCIL

MODERNIZING ARIZONA'S SCHOOL FINANCE FORMULA

The Association serves as technical advisors to the committee. Our focus is to find the best solutions for solving inequities in our finance system.

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A EQUITABLE STUDENT-FUNDING FORMULA

In response to the Governor's request to create one equitable, transparent funding formula for all students, the Arizona Charter Schools Association has developed an equitable student-funding formula concept. This concept addresses the three pillars outlined by the Governor:

1. An Equitable Funding Structure
2. Rewarding Student Achievement and Outcomes, and
3. Creating a Student-Centered Funding System.



QUESTIONS?



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