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Attorney General’s Opinion on Dual Language Instruction and More

Many questions have arisen in response to communications from Arizona Department of Education regarding **dual language instruction** and procedures regarding compliance with laws for **ELL** students. Dr. Paul Tighe, Executive Director of the Arizona School Administrators, engaged in dialogue with **Attorney General Mayes** and some of her staff. They have provided **AG Opinions** to clarify (and contradict) direction from **ADE**.

Tighe provides some helpful links related to this issue, as well as some **ESA** issues:

- Link to AG Opinion I23-005 (click [HERE](#) for PDF): <https://www.azag.gov/opinions/i23-005-r23-013>
- Link to Correspondence from AG Mayes to County Attorneys re: AG Opinion I23-005 (click [HERE](#) for PDF): <https://www.azag.gov/media/interest/correspondence-attorney-general-county-attorneys-opinion-i23-005-concerning-dual>
- Press Release on Rights Forfeited Leaving the Public School System and Potential ESA Vendor Scams <https://www.azag.gov/press-release/attorney-general-mayes-provides-information-about-rights-forfeited-leaving-public>

- Link to report possible consumer fraud scams involving ESA vendors or schools (including calls/texts that do not stop): <https://www.azag.gov/consumer>
- Link to report possible discrimination allegations involving ESA vendors or schools: <https://www.azag.gov/civil-rights>

Furthermore, the **State Board of Education** issued a statement about **dual language immersion** instruction, following the **AG Opinion**. Click [HERE](#) to access the **SBE** statement supporting the current practices.

AG Mayes has also affirmed that if county attorneys will not prosecute criminal issues with threats against school staff or board members, her office will.

- **Criminal issues involving threats against teachers, school staff, or school board members:**
 - Start by reporting emergencies and non-emergencies to local police department
 - If there are issues or that is unsuccessful, please call the **AGO's Criminal Duty Agent** at: **602-542-8888**.

Source: Dr. Paul Tighe, ASA



Yavapai County Debuts New Website

Yavapai County and its Information Technology Services Department (ITS) have unveiled a new and groundbreaking web presence to revolutionize how citizens engage with County government and access vital services. A team of Yavapai County staff dedicated 10 months to the redesign project.

The new website is designed with the user experience as a top priority. The modern web interface uses secure state-of-the-art technology that delivers intuitive navigation, greater accessibility (ADA compliance), and a more user-friendly experience for mobile devices.

Take a look at the new county site at [Yavapai County Home](#).

For comments or suggestions visit [County Webmaster](#).

Source: Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

2023

Aug 28 YCESA Governing Board Training, YCESA Training Rm, Prescott, 4 pm - 8 pm, dinner provided, register at [YCESA Board Training](#)

Sept 25 Administrators Meeting, Humboldt USD, Prescott Valley, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm



ParaPro Test Available

After sending out a search, Supt. Carter is pleased to share that there are at least three schools in Yavapai County who provide the ParaPro test and who are willing to work with other LEAs as needed. They may charge a fee to offset their costs. The schools and contacts are Canon School in Black Canyon City (Mrs. Jangula), Chino Valley USD (Mr. Scholl), and Prescott High School (Mrs. Frank).

Welcome New District Superintendents



Dr. Matt Schumacher is the new superintendent of the Clarkdale-Jerome School District #3. He is honored and excited to take on this role and looks forward to uniting all the resources of our educator network to achieve deep, meaningful, and long-lasting outcomes for all students.

Schumacher has been in public education throughout the Verde Valley for almost his entire professional career. He was first a middle school social studies teacher in Sedona, then a middle and elementary school principal in Cottonwood. He is proud to have watched students grow to become successful adults and to work along with and to empower the next generation of teachers.

He and his wife Diane have a son (Emmett, age 8) and daughter (Scarlett, age 6) who keep his family actively involved with AYSO and Little League. Diane has been a middle school math and science teacher for the past 16 years. When not on campus, Matt is usually outside on the Verde River or mountain biking or enjoying live music.

Schumacher is completely invested in Clarkdale-Jerome's vision of "Every Student, Every Day, Preparing for Tomorrow." His focus is to lead the dynamic CJ team and collaborate with families to build upon the strong foundation already in place. Developing a strategic plan focused on attendance, behavior supports, and planning for anticipated growth as well as the ongoing emphasis on increased academic achievement will keep him busy this first year.

From Matt: "I welcome your feedback and recognize we are stronger and accomplish more when we work together. After all, we share the same goal of creating the best school for our children, which begins with a warm and welcoming learning environment and concludes with exceptional experiences and high student achievement."

Source: Dr. Matt Schumacher, CJS



Christine Griffin is the new superintendent at Humboldt USD.

We look forward to sharing her information and congratulate her on the new role.



Prescott USD welcomes Clark Tenney as its new superintendent. Arriving in Prescott in 1983, he attended Granite Mountain Junior High and Prescott High School. He was an honors student, competed in cross country and track and field, played the tuba in the Pride of Prescott marching band, and was involved in musical theater.

After a 2-year mission in Japan for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Clark married his high school sweetheart Sonya Hinton and they both graduated from BYU in 1994 with honors Bachelor of Arts degrees in Secondary Education. With a major in Japanese Teaching and a minor in History, he began his teaching career in high school US History and Japanese in Utah.

Tenney and family traveled to Japan to teach Japanese to English-speaking children of diplomats and business executives. He also coached Cross Country and Track teams. School years in Tokyo (where four of five Tenney children were born) and summers in Prescott ended with the Tenneys returning to Prescott full-time in 2007. Clark taught and coached at Prescott High School from which all the Tenneys graduated. They know first-hand that strong community schools are the foundation of a thriving community.

Tenney taught and coached for 22 years. An Eagle Scout himself, he has been a long-time volunteer leader with the Boy Scouts of America and has served in many church leadership positions.

With his Master's in Educational Leadership from NAU, Tenney became principal of Abia Judd Elementary School in 2014. In 2018, he returned to Prescott High as assistant principal, and then moved to the district office as Director of Human Resources and Assistant Superintendent in 2021. As a Fulbright Scholar in 2019, Tenney visited schools in Finland and returned to help implement best practices in Prescott. His Superintendent certificate studies were through the University of Arizona.

Tenney was selected to serve on the Prescott City Council in 2021, his term ending in November 2023.

Clark loves to spend time with family. He enjoys backpacking in National Parks, Granite Dells or Prescott's other incredible trails, birding, mountain biking, hiking, or running. He has completed seven marathons. He is "proud to be a PUSD graduate, to represent the citizens of my hometown, and to lead our incredible school district into the future."

Source: Clark Tenney, PUSD

Guest/Substitute Teachers Training Held

Thirty Guest Teachers who work throughout Yavapai County recently completed 15 hours of training provided by the Yavapai County Education Service Agency. There was no charge for the training.

The YCESA staff and long-time educators Terry Pemberton and Nancy Martinez provided information about school law and finance, classroom management, lesson plan development, first aid, special education, emergency management and more. They were also introduced to all 25 districts in the county. Eighteen different speakers presented their fields of expertise to the class.

Class evaluations were quite positive and will be used in the future trainings.



Source: Supt. Tim Carter, Yavapai County

Internet Browser Security Tips

The ITS Cybersecurity Team of Yavapai County provides some Internet Browser Safety Tips you can take to stay safe online:

Keeping Your Browser Updated -- Always use the latest version of your browser.

Website Warnings -- If your browser warns you that the website you are about to visit is dangerous, close your browser tab and find what you need on a different website.

Synching -- Never sync your work browser with your personal browser or any personal accounts.

Passwords -- Many browsers support the option of saving your passwords to different sites. Instead of storing your passwords in your browser, we recommend you use a dedicated password manager.

Plug-ins -- Plug-ins or extensions are software added to browsers that can add functionality. However, each new plug-in you add can also add more vulnerabilities. At work, only add plug-ins that are authorized and approved, and keep them updated. Remove plug-ins that you no longer need or use.

Privacy Mode -- Most browsers offer a privacy option ("incognito mode"). When you open a browser tab in privacy mode, you limit what information is collected about you.

Live Chats -- Some websites now offer a live chat feature where you can ask questions. Only engage in these online chats with known, trusted websites. Limit the information you share during a live chat session.

Beware of Remote Control -- Fraudulent websites will attempt to hack your computer by posting a fake security pop-up warning to your browser that your computer is infected and pressuring you for an online chat session to fix your computer. They are attempting to trick you into installing malicious software so they can steal your passwords and your data, and track all your online activity.

Log Off -- When you are finished visiting a website, be sure to log off of the website to remove sensitive login and password information before closing the browser.

If you are on the Yavapai County server, forward any questions, **OR** before opening or responding to any suspicious phishing emails, related attachments, files, or links, to ITS.Cybersecurity@Yavapaiaz.gov for evaluation.

Source: Yavapai County ITS Cybersecurity Team



Teacherage Grants – Round 3

Round 3 of the Teacherage Grants is now available and rural County Superintendents will be distributing the information to their districts. Working with Arizona Department of Education, the teacherage committee was able to cobble together an additional \$850,000 to be released in the near term for matching grants in any of the 13 rural counties, up to \$500,000 each for shovel-ready projects.

Find the grant application/request for proposals at [Round 3 Teacherage Grants](#).

The deadline is August 10th.

Source: Supt. Tim Carter, Yavapai County



Share This Scholarship Opportunity!

AzFFN is offering two \$2500 academic scholarships to students currently enrolled in a prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program!

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Enrolled in a prelicensure BSN Nursing Program or Associate Degree in Nursing with concurrent enrollment in a BSN Nursing Program
- Completed at least one semester of the BSN Nursing Program curriculum
- Member of Student Nurses Association
- Submission of a 7-10 minute video responding to the [content criteria outline](#)
- If selected, recipient agrees to allow their submission video to be shown at the [AzNA Annual Convention](#), September 21-22, 2023.

More information including detailed video content criteria, tips for submitting your video and the scholarship application can be found by clicking the button below, or on the [AzFFN website](#).

[Apply Today!](#)

Applications will be accepted until August 17, 2023.

Source: Jen Miller, Nursing Supervisor, YCESA

County Wide Administrators' Meeting

Monday, September 25, 2023

**Humboldt Unified School District
6411 N. Robert Rd., Prescott Valley, AZ 86314**

Light Breakfast - 7:45 am - 8:30 am

Morning Program - 8:30 am - 12:15 pm

Lunch - 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

Afternoon Session - 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

*If you need assistance, please call
Jenn Nelson at 928-442-5138*

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Source: Yavapai County ITS Cybersecurity Team



New Board Election

Forest Fee Management Association members recently elected its Board of Directors. Congratulations to Clarkdale-Jerome Superintendent Dr. Matt Schumacher, representing Group 3 schools (Bagdad, Beaver Creek, Clarkdale-Jerome, Mayer, Mountain Institute, and VACTE), and to Mingus Union High School Business Manager Lynn Leonard, representing Group 4 schools (Camp Verde, Mingus and Sedona).

Source: Supt. Tim Carter, Yavapai County



Grants, competitions, awards, and more! Large, multi-year projects for districts or smaller enhancements for classrooms ...we'll share what we find in grant opportunities. Click here to take a look at these!

YCESA Grants

The latest additions are highlighted in **yellow** on the website. Here are just some NEW opportunities we've uncovered:

APS Foundation Education Grants

\$15K max Aug 31, 2023

To support programs that enhance academic achievement in STEM. Targets projects that help educators increase content knowledge in STEM subjects as well as the ability to transfer this knowledge effectively to students.

Union Home Mortgage Foundation Grants

\$15K max Aug 15, 2023

Focus on Career Readiness, Education, Financial Literacy, Housing. May be used for capacity building, capital, programmatic and general operating needs.

There are more opportunities on the YCESA website.

GOVERNING BOARD TRAINING

NEW, PROSPECTIVE AND EXISTING MEMBERS

AUGUST 28, 2023

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Training will cover the following topics

Organization of Governing Boards

Powers & Duties of Boards

Open Meeting Law

School Policy and Development

School Finance

Trainings are held at no cost

from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Complimentary Dinner will be provided

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Narcans Kits Available

Pat Robison of **Yavapai County Community Health Services** is addressing the school nurses' requests for Narcans kits to have on site in case of an emergency. With school starting, Robison is offering **Narcans kits**, a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose.

All school nurses can contact Pat at patricia.robison@yavapaiaz.gov for Narcans nasal kits for free and pick up of any expired kits. She can also provide overdose prevention training.

Source: Pat Robison, YCCHS



POLICY SERVICES ALERT

Fall 2023 Policy Advisories

Because the Arizona 56th State Legislative session is not over the executed bills are not effective and will not be effective until, at least, November 1, 2023. Due to this fact, policy services subscribers will not receive policy advisories until September 2023 at the earliest. The following Alert discusses issues not related to the 2023 Arizona Legislative session.

JJIA- Intramural Sports; JJIB- Interscholastic Sports

On July 20, 2023, a Federal Judge in the United States District Court (Tucson) granted a preliminary injunction in Helen Doe, et al. v. Thomas C. Horne, et al. (CV-23-00185-TUC-JGZ). The ruling enjoined Superintendent Horne from enforcing A.R.S. §15-120.02 (the Save Women's Sports Act). ASBA published changes to JJIA and JJIB in August of 2022 to conform with Arizona law. Because of the preliminary nature of this case ASBA is not making a model policy change at this time but is advising each school district utilizing these two policies to consult with their district legal counsel before attempting to enforce JJIA/JJIB for the reasons stated in the Court's order.

Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act took effect on June 27, 2023 - <https://www.eeoc.gov/wysk/what-you-should-know-about-pregnant-workers-fairness-act>. The law requires private and public sector employers with fifteen (15) or more employees to provide reasonable accommodations to pregnant women. Current law prevents discrimination against workers for pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions. ASBA does not propose a model policy change at this time, but it is important to know this information if an accommodation is requested. Consult with district legal for more information.

Source: ASBA

Join the Office of Indian Education and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe for a FREE professional learning event focused on

Integrating Indigenous Perspectives into K-12 Classrooms

Friday September 8th from 8:30 - 12:30 pm

Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe Gathering Center
1 Arizona Walnut Loop, Prescott, AZ 86301

About the Event: During this four-hour session, educators will learn about foundational concepts in Native American education, hear local tribal perspectives, and explore evidence-based instructional practices and curricular resources aligned to the state standards.

Light refreshments to be served starting at 8 am.

Audience: Any educators in the Prescott area, including instructional leaders or support staff, who serve Native American students and/or teach content related to Indigenous communities

Register at: <https://bit.ly/PD882023>



Questions? Reach out to
IndianEducation@azed.gov



2023 Thiru Family Trust Momentum Maker Grant

For 2023, the Thiru Family Trust Momentum Maker grant is focused on improving mental health in schools. We recognize that the pandemic and school safety issues have created unprecedented stress, anxiety, and uncertainty for students, teachers, and staff in Arizona.

We've designed a grant package with three dimensions of support valued at \$75,000:



Expert guidance provided by a local community partner to offer support regarding policies, practices, and guidance to bolster well-being and resilience



Trainings and skill-building sessions (e.g., mindfulness, well-being promotion, etc.) provided by a local community partner expert in building teacher and staff capacity that strengthens their mental health



Flexible dollars (grantee to determine how best to use) for mental health-related activities that address school needs

Schools and districts can apply for the 2023 Thiru Family Trust Momentum Maker grant. We also accept proposals from an applicant applying on behalf of a specific school or district that would benefit from the grant package.

For more information: click on [Momentum Maker Grant](#)



Supply My Class

Application Now Open!



Your Chance to win \$500 for your classroom is here. Here at APS, we admire all you do for your students and our communities in Arizona, and we want to give back. Through this program, 500 Arizona teachers in APS service territory will receive \$500 via electronic payment to help purchase classroom school supplies. Check out our website for eligibility and to apply today. Deadline to apply is August 13, so don't delay!

[Apply now at SupplyMyClass.com!](https://www.supplymyclass.com)

New Government Affairs Director for ASA

Dr. Paul Tighe, Executive Director of the Arizona School Administrators (ASA) is pleased to announce the new ASA Director of Governmental Affairs Alicia Williams.

Many of you know Alicia from her work over the past six years as the Executive Director of the Arizona State Board of Education. Prior to that, she served as Deputy Director at the State Board of Education and was an assistant principal and a teacher in Arizona and Ohio.

Alicia brings a vast knowledge of educational issues in Arizona and experiences with policy and governance that will serve her well in her new role with ASA. Mark Barnes will continue to represent ASA with legislative affairs, along with Alicia, to increase our presence at the capital.

You can reach Alicia at awilliams@azsa.org

Source: Dr. Paul Tighe, ASA



Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest

The Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest honors notable full-time teachers of history (and related fields such as social studies, government, and citizenship education) in public, private, and parochial schools, grades 5-12.

These teachers have demonstrated excellence in:

- Readily sharing an incisive knowledge of American History
- Being committed to their students
- Fostering a spirit of patriotism and loyal support of our country
- Relating history to modern life and events
- Requiring high academic standards at all times from their students

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER: The candidate must:

- have taught school during the academic years 2022–023 and 2023–024
- teach in the state that sponsors the candidate
- have an incisive knowledge of American history that he/she readily shares with students
- foster a spirit of patriotism and loyal support of our country and constitutional government
- demonstrate the ability to relate history to modern life and events
- have high academic standards, requiring excellence at all times from students
- be committed to his/her students and enjoy good rapport with them

For the Arizona State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (ASDAR), chapters select and honor an Outstanding Teacher of American History in their local community or in a community not currently served by a chapter.

The state society selects and honors a state winner. The state winner is then eligible to participate in the NSDAR national competition.

Contact your local DAR chapter or DAR State Historian Mary Ellen Chrispell at historian@arizonadar.org for application information.

Source: Sandy Furlong, YCESA



Elections Ballot Retention Change

Yavapai County Director of Elections Laurin Custis has notified the YCESA that there will be a change in the way ballots are handled. In the past, the Yavapai County Elections Department would send tabulated ballots back to the jurisdiction (schools in this case) for the 6-months retention required by law.

In review of her practices, moving forward Curtis will be following A.R.S §16-624, and sending tabulated ballots from all elections to the Treasurer's Vault to be held for the required retention period.

Source: Laurin Custis, Yavapai County Director of Elections

E-Rate Update from Milan Eaton

Managed Services

- I have encountered a couple of vendors selling managed services under Category 1. Please don't fall for it. You'll only get your funding denied. Managed switches and WIFI are a Category 2 item and referred to as "Managed Internal Broadband".
- When you submit for "Managed Services" you need a contract. Attached the contract to your EPC account. The contract needs to have all the normal contractual information along with a list of the equipment covered under the agreement (brand, model, etc...).

Next steps for 2023-2024 (Funding begins 7-1-2023)

- PIA inquiries
 - o Make sure to answer all PIA inquiries. If you ignore them, your funding will be denied. Always get your consultant or myself to assist.
- FCDL
 - o Funding Commitment Decision Letter – Received via email. This notification letter defines how much funding is approved and when it must be used.
- Form 486
 - o Complete after receiving your FCDL. Used to inform USAC that you will be using the funds you have been awarded. Your vendor cannot invoice until this is submitted and approved.
 - o The 486 includes your CIPA Certification. Make sure you are compliant. Follow link for CIPA info and example policy ([LINK](#))
- CAT1
 - o Category 1 funding (Internet and WAN). Notify your provider how you want your invoices (SPI or BEAR). With SPI (recommended), the service provider will invoice USAC directly and only invoice you your portion (most popular). With BEAR, you will pay the full amount every month and file for reimbursement from USAC.
- CAT2
 - o Category 2 funding (Internal connections). Notify your vendor they can proceed with the work after you receive your FCDL and have filed your Form 486 (Unless you plan to BEAR).
 - o Generate a PO for your portion BEFORE any work is performed. Vendors should not perform any work without a PO.
 - o Have a statement of work (SOW) in hand so everyone understands the work to be completed. (VERY important)

Lowest Corresponding Price (Commonly referred to as LCP):

"Lowest Corresponding Price" is the lowest price that a service provider charges to non-residential customers who are similarly situated to a particular school, library or library consortium for similar services. <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-47/chapter-I/subchapter-B/part-54/subpart-E>

It is **illegal** for a service provider to overcharge a school or library for services. If you know of any violations, please let me know or notify the FCC.

Broadband Costs / Access

Our current minimum recommended bandwidth is 1.5M per student and maximum cost should not exceed \$5 per meg.

If your services are expiring within the next 2 years, the "Arizona Broadband for Education Initiative" has state matching funds available to build fiber to your school. www.broadband4arizona.com

Federal Prison Time for Erate violators:

We work very hard in Arizona to keep our Erate program clean and for good reason! Defrauding the Federal Erate Program will get you prison time. <https://patch.com/new-york/newcity/sentences>

- **Always be a good steward of taxpayer funds.**
- Fair and competitive bidding is a requirement.
- Follow all rules.
- **Do not pay overpay for services just because you're only paying a small percentage.**

If you need help, contact Eaton at Milan.Eaton@azed.gov or YCESA E-Rate Director at Frank.VanderHorst@yavapai.gov .

Source: Milan Eaton, State E-Rate Director



The **Congressional App Challenge** is the most prestigious prize in student computer science. Participation in the challenge has grown exponentially and has reached underserved, diverse, and rural student populations.

Congressman Eli Crane invites middle and high school students, individually or in groups of up to four, to create their own app code and submit it to him by November 1, 2023.

Winners of the Congressional App Challenge will be honored by the US House of Representatives and their specific member of Congress.

For more information, go to [Congressional App Challenge](#) and [Code Your Future](#).

Source: Supt. Tim Carter, Yavapai County