PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 210
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT
DISTRICT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET OVERRIDES

1. Q. What is a District Additional Assistance (DAA) Budget Override?
   A. A District Additional Assistance Budget Override is voter-approval allowing the school district to exceed its DAA limit by a specific amount each year for a maximum of 7 years. After that period of time has expired, another election must be held to maintain or change the amount of the override. The maximum amount is restricted to 10% of Revenue Control Limit.

2. Q. How may District Additional Assistance (DAA) monies be spent?
   A. DAA monies may be used for any capital purpose including the purchase of items such as textbooks, instructional aids, library books, land and building improvements, furniture, equipment, computer software and vehicles, as well as construction.

3. Q. How is the tax rate determined for a District Additional Assistance (DAA) Override?
   A. The tax rate is set by the County and is calculated based on the total amount approved each year to fund the override. Funds are spent on a pay-as-you-go basis with no interest expense. This amount is levied on the primary assessed valuation used for property tax purposes of the property in the school district.

   The proposed Override would be in effect for seven years, beginning in Fiscal Year 2016-17. The annual tax rate is estimated to be $.3589 for the first year, which equates to an increase of $35.39 per year in secondary property taxes for a home with an assessed value of $100,000.

4. Q. Can these types of capital items be included in a bond program?
   A. Bond funds cannot be used for purchase of service vehicles, textbooks, or library books. School districts typically use bond funds for unrestricted capital purposes including items such as technology, instructional aids, furniture and equipment, and pupil transportation vehicles. If we include a large dollar amount of furniture and equipment items in the bond program, the tax rate would be higher and there would be insufficient bonding capacity for all construction and major renovation of buildings projects.
5. Q. **Is there any funding available from the School Facilities Board (SFB) for these types of items?**

A. The Legislature has not funded School Facilities Board (SFB) for a number of years, so no funding is available.

   The SFB was established to evaluate the capital needs of school districts and distribute monies to cure existing building deficiencies, for building renewal and for the construction of new facilities. The SFB adopted rules establishing minimum school facility adequacy guidelines to provide the minimum quality and quantity school buildings, facilities and equipment necessary and appropriate to enable students to achieve academic standards.

6. Q. **What if the District Additional Assistance (DAA) Override fails?**

A. If the DAA Override fails there would be very minimal monies available to allow the District to furnish and equip schools under the Bond program. District would be forced to cut programs, curriculum adoptions, technology, library books, band instruction & uniforms, athletics and furniture & equipment.

   The Legislature has reduced District Additional Assistance (DAA) funding by 85% in the 2015-16 school year.