CERTIFICATE

The undersigned is the duly appointed President of the Governing Board of

Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1 of Coconino County, Arizona, and hereby certifies that

attached hereto is a true and correct copy of: (i) the agenda (in the form posted on the District's

website) for the meeting of the Governing Board held on May 8, 2018 (the "Meeting"), and that

said agenda was on file in the administration office and posted in the usual place of posting notices

for the District, including the District's website for not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to

the call to order of the Meeting; and (ii) a resolution of said Board adopted at such Meeting; and

further certifies that the resolution was passed and adopted by the Governing Board on May 8.

2018; that a quorum was present at such Meeting and at the time the resolution was adopted; that

said resolution was adopted by a vote of <u>5</u> ayes, <u>0</u> nays, <u>0</u> refrain or recuse, and <u>0</u>

was/were absent; that said resolution has been executed and attested by the proper officers of the

District; and said resolution, as executed, is on file in the District administration office and further

certifies that the District's website also states where public notices and agendas are physically and

electronically posted.

DATED: May 8, 2018

### **RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION TO BE HELD IN AND FOR FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THE ELECTION, THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEADLINE BY THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS "FOR" OR "AGAINST" THE OVERRIDE AUTHORITY, THE PRINTING OF BALLOTS AND THE CANVASSING OF THE ELECTION; AND APPROVING THE GOVERNING BOARD'S ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE ELECTION.

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 15-481, as amended, provides that if the proposed budget of Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1 of Coconino County, Arizona (the "District"), will exceed the aggregate budget limit for the budget year, the Governing Board of the District (the "Board") shall order an override election to be held not less than 90 days from the date of the order for the purpose of presenting the proposed budget to the qualified electors of the District who shall by a majority of those voting either affirm or reject the proposed budget increase; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to prior voter approval of a 15% increase in the District's revenue control limit, the District has operated pursuant to such budget override authority and now desires to seek a continuation of such override authority in order to maintain the District's programs and operations at their current level; and

WHEREAS, the existing 15% budget authorization will be reduced by one-third as required by State law in fiscal year 2020/2021 and another one-third in fiscal year 2021/2022 unless such authorization is renewed by the voters in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and in the best interests of the District to order and call a special election to submit to the voters the question of authorizing the District, for a period of seven years, to exceed its applicable revenue control limit by 15%; such special election to be held in and for the District on November 6, 2018, pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 15-481;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, THAT:

Section 1. Order and Call of Election. A special override election (the "Election") is hereby ordered and called to be held in and for this District on November 6, 2018, in the manner prescribed in A.R.S. § 15-481, and in conjunction with the Statewide general election to be held on such date, to submit to the qualified electors of the District the question shown on the form of official ballot, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein. The District Superintendent or Director of Finance is authorized and directed to complete the budget estimate and insert the appropriate dollar amount and tax rate in the ballot and take such actions as are necessary to assist the Coconino County School Superintendent (the "County School Superintendent") and the Coconino County Elections Department (the "County Elections Department") in performing their duties with respect to the Election.

Section 2. Request to County School Superintendent; Informational Pamphlet. The County School Superintendent is hereby requested to prepare an informational pamphlet and sample ballot (the "Informational Pamphlet") for the District pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-481. The Informational Pamphlet shall be mailed to the households within the District in which qualified electors reside, before the date of the Election within the time period set forth in A.R.S. § 15-481.

The President, any member of this Board, the District Superintendent or Director of Finance and the District staff are hereby authorized to prepare and deliver or cause to be prepared and delivered to the County School Superintendent, on behalf of the Board, the information necessary or appropriate to complete the Informational Pamphlet.

Section 3. Conduct of Election; Contracts; Expenditures. The Election may be conducted as a mailed ballot election as provided in A.R.S. § 16-409 or a polling place election as determined by the District Superintendent, Director of Finance or the County Elections Department. The Board is hereby authorized to request the County School Superintendent and County Elections Department to have ballots printed in substantially the form of Exhibit A and to deliver them to the election officials to be given to the qualified electors of the District appearing to vote in the Election as provided by law. The Board authorizes all expenditures as may be necessary to order, notice, hold and administer the Election, including but not limited to the cost of the return postage to return the voted mail ballots if the Election is conducted as a mailed ballot election to the officer in charge of the Election, which expenditures shall be paid from current operating funds. The District Superintendent or Director of Finance is authorized and directed to take all acts, including entering into intergovernmental agreements with the Coconino County Recorder (the "County Recorder"), the County Elections Department or the County School Superintendent, to carry out the Election. The District Superintendent shall cooperate with the County School Superintendent to ensure proper administration of the Election.

#### Section 4. Notice of Election.

- (A) <u>Posting of Notice</u>. The District or the County School Superintendent will cause the notice of the Election (the "*Notice*") in substantially the form attached hereto as set forth in <u>Exhibit B-1</u> or <u>Exhibit B-2</u>, as applicable, to be posted not less than 25 days before the Election as required by law.
- (B) <u>Publication of Notice for Mailed Ballot Election</u>. For a mailed ballot election, the Notice, including the call of Election, which is marked <u>Exhibit B-1</u>, shall be published once a week for two successive weeks during any two of the six weeks preceding 90 days before the Election.

- Section 5. Public Declaration: Submission of Arguments. The Board publicly declares that: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-481, the County School Superintendent has established August 13, 2018 as the deadline for submitting arguments "for" or "against" the proposed increase in the budget. The arguments must be received by the County School Superintendent on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2018. As required by statute, the District shall immediately post the August 13, 2018 deadline for submitting arguments in a prominent location on the District's website. A form of the notice requesting arguments "for" or "against", including the deadline for submitting arguments, is attached hereto as Exhibit C. The District Superintendent or Director of Finance is authorized to revise the form of notice hereto as necessary to comply with all applicable laws or any change of date by the County School Superintendent. The District Superintendent or Director of Finance is authorized to cause the posting of a notice requesting the filing with the County School Superintendent of arguments "for" or "against" the Election on the District's website.
- Section 6. Early Voting. Early voting will be permitted at the Election in accordance with the provisions of A.R.S. Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 8.
- Section 7. Ballot Replacement Location. The District Superintendent or Director of Finance shall coordinate with the County School Superintendent and County Elections Department to designate a location for purposes of replacing ballots that have been lost, spoiled, destroyed or not received by the elector.
- Section 8. Precincts and Polling Places. For purposes of a polling place election which may be held in conjunction with any county, city or special district election of any overlapping jurisdiction, the Board determines that the County election precincts will serve as the District election precincts, including any consolidation of such precincts as determined by the County Elections Department and the District's Superintendent or designee. The location of each polling place will be determined by the County Elections Department, which will conduct the Election on behalf of the District. The polls will open at 6:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2018.
- Section 9. Canvass. The County School Superintendent and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County are requested to and authorized to canvass the returns of the Election within 30 days of the Election, as required by law.
- Section 10. Other Actions. The District Superintendent or Director of Finance is authorized to take all necessary action to facilitate the Election.
- Section 11. Cancellation. The Election called hereunder may be cancelled by acts of the Board in accordance with the provisions of A.R.S. § 15-481.V.
- Section 12. Ratification. All actions of the members of the Board, officers, employees and agents of the District which are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this resolution, whether heretofore or hereafter taken, shall be and are hereby ratified, confirmed, authorized and approved.
- Section 13. Approval of Board Argument. The form of the Board's "for" argument in support of the proposed increase in the budget attached hereto as Exhibit D is hereby approved.

# PASSED AND ADOPTED on May 8, 2018.

Governing Board President

**EXHIBITS** 

A - Sample Ballot

B-1 - Notice and Call of Special Election (Mailed Ballot Election)

B-2 – Notice of Special Election (Polling Place Election)

C – Request for Arguments

D - Board's "For" Argument

# EXHIBIT A

#### SAMPLE BALLOT – FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED OVERRIDE

SPECIAL ELECTION
Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1
Coconino County, Arizona - November 6, 2018

OUESTION

Shall the Governing Board of Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1 of Coconino County, Arizona, adopt
a General Maintenance and Operation Budget that includes an amount that exceeds the revenue control
limit specified by statute by fifteen percent for fiscal year 2019/2020 and for six subsequent years as
described below? The fiscal year 2019/2020 budget override authority represents an extension of the
existing budget override authority which is scheduled to phase down by one-third for fiscal year 2020/2021
if the voters do not approve the override

The amount of the proposed continuation of the budget increase of the proposed budget over the alternate budget for fiscal year 2019/2020 is estimated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_\_. In fiscal years 2019/2020 through 2023/2024 the amount of the proposed increase will be fifteen percent of the District's revenue control limit in each of such years, as provided in Section 15-481(P) of the Arizona Revised Statutes. In fiscal years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026, the amount of the proposed increase will be ten percent and five percent, respectively, of the District's revenue control limit in each of such years, as provided in Section 15-481(P) of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

Any budget increase continuation authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes on the taxable property in this school district for the year for which adopted and for six subsequent years, shall not be realized from monies furnished by the state and shall not be subject to the limitation on taxes specified in Article IX, Section 18, Constitution of Arizona. Based on the current net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes, to fund the proposed continuation of the increase in the school district's budget would require an estimated continuation of a tax rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes and is in addition to the school district's tax rate that will be levied to fund the school district's revenue control limit allowed by law.

BUDGET OVERRIDE CONTINUATION, YES	
BUDGET OVERRIDE CONTINUATION, NO	

At the discretion of the County elections department, the question set forth above may be presented on the actual ballot in summary form, reading substantially as follows:

A "yes" vote shall authorize the Flagstaff Unified School District Governing Board to continue the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and resulting tax, which includes an amount that exceeds the District's revenue control limit by up to 15% per year for seven years.

A "no" vote shall not authorize the Flagstaff Unified School District Governing Board to continue the existing maintenance and operation budget override authority and resulting tax.

### **EXHIBIT B-1**

# [MAILED BALLOT ELECTION]

# **NOTICE AND CALL OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

# TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA:

A special election has been called by, and will be held in, Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1 of Coconino County, Arizona (the "District"), on November 6, 2018 ("Election Day"). The purpose of the election is to permit the qualified electors of the District to vote on authorizing the District to adopt a General Maintenance and Operation Budget that includes an amount of up to 15% in excess of the revenue control limit for the 2019/2020 fiscal year and for six subsequent years (subject to certain reductions provided by statute in years six and seven). The District's current 15% budget override is by law required to be reduced by one-third in fiscal years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022. Because the existing override does not begin reducing until fiscal year 2020/2021, the proposed 15% override budget will equal the 2019/2020 alternate budget. The full budget override amount is estimated to be \$8,500,000 and would be funded by an estimated \$.70 tax rate per one hundred dollars of net assessed valuation for secondary property tax purposes, which is approximately equal to the current tax rate levied for the existing override. In future years the amount of the increase will be as provided by law.

The election will be a mailed ballot only election. No polling places will be provided. Ballots will be mailed to qualified electors residing within the District no earlier than 27 days prior to the election and no later than 15 days before the election. Ballots must be received or dropped off at one of the designated ballot drop box locations as designated by the County Elections Department and as set forth in the informational pamphlet and/or the ballot no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. The informational pamphlet will be mailed to the homes of qualified electors. If a ballot is lost, spoiled, destroyed or not received by the elector, the elector may receive a replacement ballot at the ballot replacement locations designated by the County Elections Department.

The last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in this election is Monday, October 8, 2018.

Any qualified elector is eligible for early voting. Early voting materials may be obtained by contacting the Coconino County Elections Department, 110 E Cherry Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, telephone: (928) 679-7860. For more information about the foregoing, please review A.R.S. § 15-481, or contact the Flagstaff Unified School District, 3285 E. Sparrow Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86004, telephone: (928) 527-6000.

# **EXHIBIT B-2**

# **[POLLING PLACE ELECTION]**

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA:

A special election will be held in Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1 of Coconino County, Arizona (the "District"), on November 6, 2018, at the following polling places:

#### INSERT FROM COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The polls will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the election is to permit the qualified electors of the District to vote on authorizing the District to adopt a General Maintenance and Operation Budget that includes an amount of up to 15% in excess of the revenue control limit for the 2019/2020 fiscal year and for six subsequent years (subject to certain reductions provided by statute in years six and seven). The District's current 15% budget override is by law required to be reduced by one-third in fiscal years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022. Because the existing override does not begin reducing until fiscal year 2020/2021, the proposed 15% override budget will equal the 2019/2020 alternate budget. The full budget override amount is estimated to be \$8,500,000 and would be funded by an estimated \$.70 tax rate per one hundred dollars of net assessed valuation for secondary property tax purposes, which is approximately equal to the current tax rate levied for the existing override. In future years the amount of the increase will be as provided by law.

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#### EXHIBIT C

# REQUEST FOR ARGUMENTS "FOR" OR "AGAINST" THE SPECIAL BUDGET OVERRIDE ELECTION FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1 of Coconino County, Arizona (the "District"), will hold a special 15% maintenance and operation budget override election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The total 15% budget override amount for the first year of the proposed continuation is estimated to be \$8,500,000 and would be funded in that year by an estimated \$.70 tax rate per \$100 of net assessed valuation used for secondary property tax purposes which is approximately equal to the current secondary tax rate for the existing budget override. The Coconino County School Superintendent will be preparing an informational pamphlet that will be mailed to households containing one or more registered electors within the District. Any persons wishing to submit an argument "for" or "against" the proposed 15% budget override (not to exceed 200 words) may do so by mail or hand delivery of the argument to the Coconino County School Superintendent's office, 2384 N Steves Boulevard, Flagstaff, AZ 86004; telephone: (928) 679-8070.

To be included in the informational pamphlet, such argument must be received in the office of the Coconino County School Superintendent on or before 5:00 p.m., August 13, 2018. Such argument must be signed and include the name of the District, the author's name, the name of any entity submitting an argument, address and telephone number. The entity and author's name will be printed in the informational pamphlet. The last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in this election is Monday, October 8, 2018. For more information concerning the election, please contact the Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1, 3285 E. Sparrow Avenue, Flagstaff, AZ 86004, telephone: (928) 527-6000.

**CERTIFICATE** 

The undersigned is the duly appointed President of the Governing Board of

Flagstaff Unified School District No. 1 of Coconino County, Arizona, and hereby certifies that

attached hereto is a true and correct copy of: (i) the agenda (in the form posted on the District's

website) for the meeting of the Governing Board held on May 22, 2018 (the "Meeting"), and that

said agenda was on file in the administration office and posted in the usual place of posting notices

for the District, including the District's website for not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to

the call to order of the Meeting; and (ii) a motion of said Board adopted at such Meeting; and

further certifies that the motion on the For Argument (Exhibit D of the Resolution) for the Override

Election was passed and adopted by the Governing Board on May 22, 2018; that a quorum was

present at such Meeting and at the time the motion was adopted; that said motion was adopted by

a vote of  $\frac{4}{2}$  ayes,  $\frac{0}{2}$  nays,  $\frac{0}{2}$  refrain or recuse, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  was/were absent; that said motion

has been executed and attested by the proper officers of the District; and said motion, as executed,

is on file in the District administration office and further certifies that the District's website also

states where public notices and agendas are physically and electronically posted.

DATED: May 22, 2018

President, Governing Board

# EXHIBIT D

#### **BOARDS "FOR" ARGUMENT**

Reauthorizing Override funds is essential to providing quality educational offerings in the District. Support from parents and citizens makes it possible for FUSD to challenge all students with choices that prepare them for college and careers. The recession years resulted in massive State funding cuts to education. FUSD has carefully managed funds and reductions to budgets. The District faced many tough challenges in keeping highly qualified teachers in the classroom while maintaining reasonable class sizes. The District spends wisely and conservatively while advancing excellence and expanding options for our students through Full Day Kindergarten, Advanced Placement, Art, Music, Physical Education, Athletics and STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) offerings. The Flagstaff Community has recognized and supported our needs for these additional funds, and we request your continued support in November 2018. The Governing Board unanimously requests renewal of the 15% Budget Override beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. Renewal of the Override allows FUSD to: Maintain Current Programming, Maintain Reasonable Class Sizes, Increase Academic Performance, and Attract and Retain Highly Qualified Teachers. We are committed to providing quality education for all students. Please join in a commitment to FUSD students by voting YES for this vital Override reauthorization.

Governing Board of FUSD