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### Mark the date for ASBA reception at NSBA Conference

If you are attending NSBA, don't forget to stop by our reception on Saturday, March 21, from 5-7 p.m. in the Cumberland Room at the Omni Nashville Hotel. Thanks to ASBAIT for sponsorship support!

### Welcome to our newest member: Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma (STEDY)

Yuma, Arizona's last county without a JTED, now has one! Approved by Yuma Union and Antelope Union High School District voters last year, plans are moving ahead quickly. STEDY already has a five-member board of directors, led by Roger Nelson as president. In their initial organizational meeting, the board named Tom Tyree, current Yuma county superintendent, to serve as STEDY interim superintendent. The board also voted to become members of ASBA. Regular board meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at Arizona Western College. Classes are scheduled to begin this fall, and courses under consideration include agriculture, culinary arts, auto technology, law and public safety, information technology, business, engineering, biotechnology and healthcare.

### Executive Director Ogle addresses budget cuts in Arizona Capitol Times

You can read Dr. Ogle's article now: [The real budget casualties – nearly 1 million public school students.](#)

### Cave Creek USD and Paradise Valley USD named first place winners for 2015 Magna Awards

The Magna Awards, supported by Sodexo, and sponsored by NSBA's American School Board Journal (ASBJ), recognizes and honors districts across the country for their outstanding programs. An independent panel selected 15 first place and 15 honorable mentions from 250 submissions. Cave Creek USD won a first place in the 5,000-20,000 student category, and

Paradise Valley USD won a first place in the over 20,000 student category. They will be recognized for their achievements, along with all 2015 Magna Award winners, at the Best Practices for School Leaders Luncheon on Saturday, March 21, during the NSBA's Annual Conference in Nashville. They will also be highlighted in the April issue of [ASBJ](#).

[Read winning entries](#)

Read more about the [Magna Awards](#)

### **ASBA Hispanic-Native American Indian Caucus seeks officers, region directors**

Dedicated to promoting quality education for all students focusing on the unique needs of Hispanic and Native American Indian students, the ASBA Hispanic Native American-Indian Caucus is accepting nominations for the following positions on the HNAIC board. Current officers serving are Sylvia Hendricks, Baboquivari USD, is 2015 president; Jesus Rubalcava, Gila Bend USD, is vice-president, Hispanic; and Bill Adams, Washington ESD is secretary. The following positions are open:

- Vice-President, Native American
- Treasurer
- Director, Region I, Maricopa County
- Director, Region II, Pima County
- Director, Region III, Apache, Coconino, Navajo, and Yavapai Counties
- Director, Region IV, LaPaz, Mohave, and Yuma Counties
- Director, Region V, Gila and Pinal Counties
- Director, Region VI, Cochise, Greenlee, Graham, and Santa Cruz Counties

You may [self-nominate online](#). Deadline for submission is Tuesday, March 31. Elections will be held at the Caucus meeting scheduled at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, during The Equity Event at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix. Only paid members in good standing may vote for officers (who also must be up-to-date). If you have not yet sent in your Caucus dues, please fill out an online [HNAIC Membership Form](#).

### **ASBA's advocacy team and AZEDNews honored with communications awards**

The Arizona School Public Relations Association (ASPRA) has given two 2015 Awards of Excellence to the association this year. Winning in the category of Business, Foundation or Civic/Community Organization for Contributions to Public Education is ASBA's advocacy team, which consists of Janice Palmer, director of governmental relations and public affairs, and Geoff Esposito, governmental relations analyst. Also winning in the category Excellence with a Specific Program is ASBA's AZEDNews, Lisa Irish, lead reporter, and Tracey Benson, director. Congratulations to all for their hard work and accomplishments!

### **Nearly 200 people have registered to attend ASBA's The Equity Event, have you signed up?**

April 1 is almost here and it is the last date to register for the April 9 and 10 conference without late fees. The same deadline applies for the separate pre-conference on April 8 focusing on the role of leadership in improving outcomes for Native American Indian students.

Watch the [Equity Video](#).

[View the conference agendas](#).

[View the conference breakout session details](#).

Both the main conference and the preconference will be held at the Hyatt Regency, 122 North Second St., Phoenix.

The \$285/person main conference registration fee for both ASBA members and non-members includes all online materials, continental breakfast and lunch on both days and a hosted reception on Thursday, April 9.

### [Conference registration.](#)

The \$80/person pre-conference registration fee for both ASBA members and non-members includes all online materials and lunch.

### [Pre-Conference registration](#)

#### **The Equity Event conference hotel**

ASBA has secured rooms at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix (888.421.1442) for a conference rate of \$149 single/double. Deadline for reservations is Friday, March 27.

Be sure to mention the ASBA Equity Event if you are making reservations by phone. You may also make [hotel reservations online.](#)

#### **The Equity Event conference fundraisers**

Both ASBA's Hispanic Native American Indian Caucus and Black Caucus are holding fundraisers at The Equity Event. Proceeds will go toward student scholarships. For more information on how to participate:

- ASBA Hispanic Native-American Indian Caucus [Golf Tournament Fundraiser](#) (deadline to sign up is April 3).
- ASBA Black Caucus [Movie Night](#) (deadline to buy tickets is March 27).

#### **Call for Pre-K through 12 student artwork**

The Arizona Department of Education is looking for artwork created by Arizona students to display at this year's Leading Change Conference June 23-25 at the El Conquistador in Tucson. This year's theme is "Lead the Change, Unleash Greatness" and those students whose work is chosen to be displayed will receive a certificate and be eligible for a trophy or ribbon. Their artwork will be seen by hundreds of school administrators and leaders from across the state attending the conference. Questions? Contact Melissa DeVries ([melissa.devries@azed.gov](mailto:melissa.devries@azed.gov)), or Laura Dudzik ([laura.dudzik@azed.gov](mailto:laura.dudzik@azed.gov)) or call 602.364.1851.

For criteria/submission rules: [Lead the Change Student Artwork](#)

#### **Last session of Spring Legal Webinar Series next week**

March 27 is the last date for this year's sessions, but you can still participate and receive all content from the first two sessions you missed by registering online. All of the sessions are being recorded, and will be available on-demand to all paid registrants. Not only that, but your one-time \$200 registration fee covers all three sessions for as many board members and administrative personnel as would like to participate through a single device/connection. The final session on includes the following sessions:

- In Loco Parentis: Does It Still Exist and, If So, How and When?
- Affordable Care Act Challenges with Part-Time, Variable and Temporary Employees
- Do I Have to Comply with that Public Records Request or Not?
- Legislative Update

Spring Legal Webinars: [Registration](#) and [Agendas for each session.](#)

#### **Students can pledge to "Light It Up" on AzMERIT test and win Phoenix Suns tickets**

The Phoenix Suns, Greater Phoenix Educational Management Council (GPEMC), the Arizona School Boards Association and the Arizona Department of Education have joined together to encourage students to sign [The Pledge](#) that they will do their best on the upcoming AzMERIT test. For doing this, the Phoenix Suns are offering 2-for-1 tickets which can be accessed at [suns.com/azmerit](http://suns.com/azmerit) and used for any of the following games:

- Sunday, March 22 vs Dallas
- Friday, March 27 vs Portland
- Saturday, April 4 vs Utah

Each ticket comes with a free Suns' gift that can be picked up outside of section 207 on the day of the game. Schools are also encouraged to sponsor their students or provide for the entire school on a specific game day. For more information on doing this, contact Mark Ruby ([mruby@suns.com](mailto:mruby@suns.com)) or 602.379.7802.

### **AZEdNews: Budget, student nutrition top stories**

- **Testing options plan could mean sanctions for Arizona, loss of millions in federal funds**

A bill moving through the Arizona Legislature would allow schools to choose from a nationally recognized set of achievement tests instead of administering the new AzMERIT during the 2015-16 school year to measure students' academic growth. But those testing options could violate federal law and place Arizona at risk of losing up to \$582 million in federal education funding.

<http://azednews.com/2015/03/17/testing-options-plan-could-mean-sanctions-for-arizona-loss-of-millions-in-federal-funds/>

- **Workshop helps girls move past bullying to become leaders**

Girls can build self-confidence, character and leadership skills while reducing their vulnerability to bullying during a free all-day event March 21 in Prescott that features mentoring, building self-confidence, fitness, information on overcoming challenges and ends with a fashion show.

<http://azednews.com/2015/03/16/workshop-helps-girls-develop-into-leaders-to-move-past-bullying/>

- **Arizona Legislature passes budget; districts release their responses**

<http://azednews.com/2015/03/07/arizona-legislature-passes-budget-after-all-night-session/>

The Arizona Legislature passed a \$9.1 billion budget early Saturday morning over the objections of some lawmakers and many community members, parents, school leaders and school advocates. Since then, 15 school districts around the state have passed resolutions or released letters to community members about the budget, including Sunnyside, Paradise Valley, Vail and Tolleson Union districts.

- **School breakfast grows to boost learning, attendance**

<http://azednews.com/2015/03/12/school-breakfast-grows-to-boost-learning-attendance/>

More Arizona students are preparing to learn with a good breakfast served not at home, but in the school cafeteria or right in the classroom. The increase is being driven by strategic state and community efforts to improve student achievement and spurred by research that shows hungry students don't learn as well as nourished students.

- **Proposed state budgets could penalize districts providing extra student support**

<http://azednews.com/2015/03/05/case-study-challenges-in-moving-more-money-into-the-classroom/>

When Osborn Elementary School District received a major grant to put counselors in all their schools, they thought it was good news. But if either of the two current state budget proposals goes through, that grant could put more stress on teachers and students because the funds fall outside the classroom. As Arizona's public school leaders

contemplate ways to move an additional five percent into the classroom, many like Osborn's Superintendent Patricia Tate face several challenges.  
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## **ASBA Executive Searches**

- [General information and upcoming searches](#)
- [Contact the executive search team](#)

### **ASBA Executive Searches now open for online application:**

**SUPERINTENDENT – Gila Bend USD. Closes March 18 at 5 p.m.**  
To apply: [Superintendent, Gila Bend ESD](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – Queen Creek USD. Closes March 30 at 12 noon**  
To apply: [Superintendent, Queen Creek USD](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – WAVE JTED. Closes April 6 at 12 noon**  
To apply: [Superintendent, WAVE JTED](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – Superior USD. Closes April 8 at 9 a.m.**  
To apply: [Superintendent, Superior USD](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – Willcox USD. Closes April 10 at 5 p.m.**  
To apply: [Superintendent, Willcox USD](#)

**SUPERINTENDENT – Douglas USD. Closes April 17 at 5 p.m.**  
To apply: [Superintendent, Douglas USD](#)

**OPENING SOON (to apply, check [ASBA website](#) on opening date listed):**  
**SUPERINTENDENT – Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma (STEDY)** *Opens March 25, closes April 20 at 12 noon*

### **UPCOMING SEARCHES:**

**SUPERINTENDENT – Alhambra ESD**  
**SUPERINTENDENT – Camp Verde USD**  
**SUPERINTENDENT – Window Rock USD**

**Looking for an interim superintendent?** ASBA can help. We maintain a database of people interested in serving as interim superintendents. We will post your requirements and send to this list, then provide you with applications from those individuals interested in your position. There is no charge for this service. For assistance in this area, contact Steve Highlen, ASBA Executive Search Consultant, at [shighlen@azsba.org](mailto:shighlen@azsba.org).

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