

Property Taxes - Did you just receive your bill?

Quote from a Sedona Resident:

"I just received my property tax bill and it has gone up even though property values are still deflated. It's time for the School District, the Fire District and all the others on the property tax bill to start cutting back or at least, living within their budget like the homeowners do. I will be voting against the over-ride because enough is enough!!!"

Sedona Performing Arts Center (SPAC)

A TAXPAYER FUNDED Misused Asset

- Reduce Taxpayer Burden
- Incredible School Training Environment
- City of Sedona/Chamber of Commerce sponsored Business and Entertainment events
- Fund Raising Center for school events and projects
- **Convert to INDEPENDENT Operation - 501 (3)c**
- **Support Naming Rights - community involvement**
- **Hire PROFESSIONAL manager to generate revenue**
- **Go to our website for more information**

Budget - Did you know?

- Budget Submitted to AZ Dept of Education **\$7,091,357**
- School Board Minutes Budget **\$7,714,185**
- *Invest in Education Flyer Budget Override* **\$7,183,061**
- Which budget number are the taxpayers to believe?
- Can the taxpayers have any confidence in district's management of OUR money?
- Is this the typical public sector approach?
- Is the private sector involved in reducing operating costs? If not, why not?

YOUR 2013 Property Taxes - Find Out!

- 57% of your Taxes GO TO EDUCATION
- 26% Directly to District 9
- Are You and the Students getting THEIR money's worth?

Yavapai - <http://apps.yavapai.us/taxinquiry/>

Coconino - <http://treasurer.coconino.az.gov:81/treasurer/treasurerweb>

*These are only a few issues. **We** the taxpayers of Sedona are learning to do more with less. It's time OUR school district learns to tighten its belt and do the same.*

For More Details go to www.USALadyLiberty.org

Budget Override Facts

IT'S NOT about educating OUR children; WE all want more efficient education!

IT'S about accountability for OUR tax dollars in a difficult economy

**Are you ready for
HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES
for the next 7 YEARS?**

Note to the Public:

It is time for YOU to think and act...

It is time for YOU to start challenging the system. Government can be good, but it is inherently inefficient. It is time YOU the tax payer demand accountability instead of falling for the "it is only a little bit more each month" scenario that soon adds up to wasteful spending, because it has always been this way.

**Assume Nothing...
Question Everything...
Educate YOURSELF**

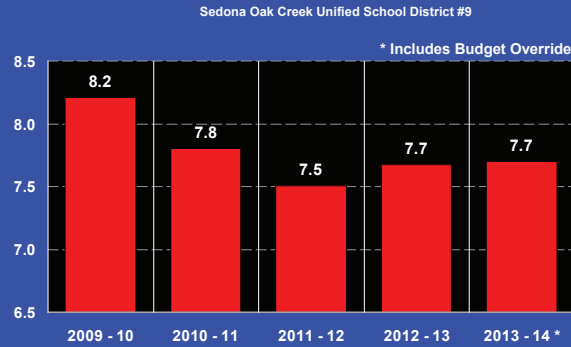
*Things **do not** have to stay the same. Education must be creative, but most importantly, OUR TAX DOLLARS SHOULD GO TO THE CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION OF OUR CHILDREN. That means high quality and motivated teachers, not more frills and nice-to-have programs. Follow the money and where is it being spent. Educate yourself before YOU vote.*

Vote NO

*If you are looking at all the scare tactics to separate you from your money - you better make sure that what you see and hear is **NOT** just said to get you to commit to raise your own taxes.*

Reality Check

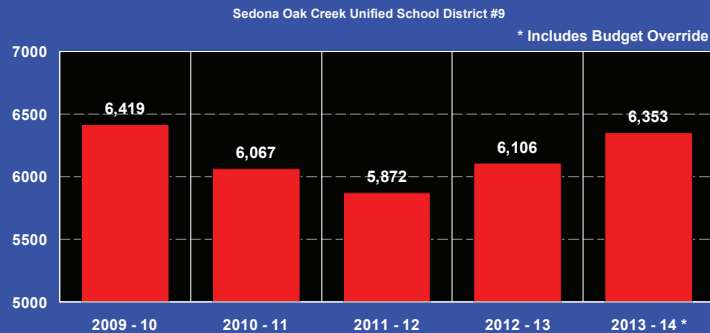
Maintenance & Operating Budget \$Millions



The 2013-14 maintenance & operation budget is \$7.7 million, an increase of 3% from the 2011-12

The 2013-14 teachers salary and benefits budget is \$2.6 million. The 2013-2014 support services budget is \$2.0 million, which is 77% of the \$2.6 million teachers salary and benefits budget. **HOW MUCH OF THE \$2.0 MILLION COULD BE SAVED BY BETTER MANAGING M&O SERVICES?**

Maintenance & Operating Budget Per Student (\$)

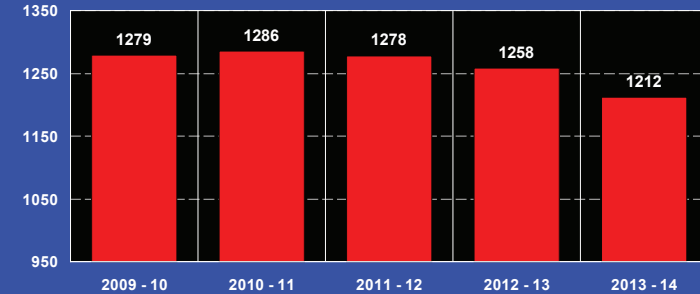


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YOUR Tax Dollars

Student Count

Sedona Oak Creek Unified School District #9

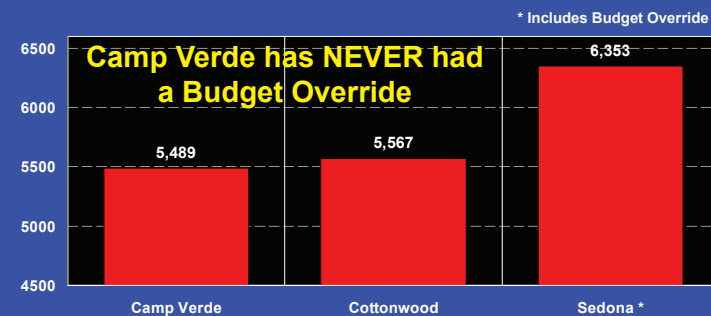


The 2013-14 student enrollment is 1,212, a decrease of 5% from 2011-2012

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