

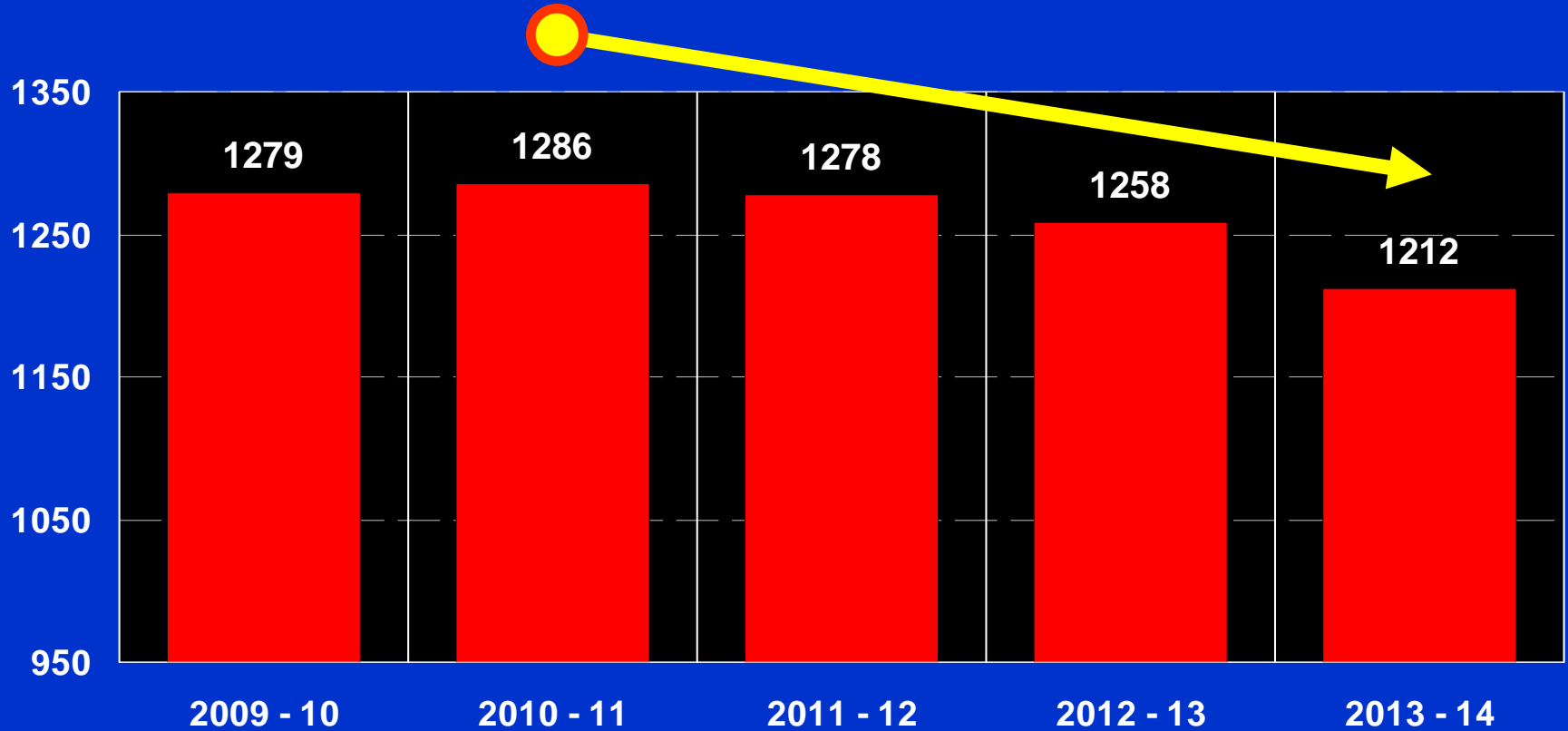
# Budget Override Fiscal Responsibility in Education

1. **EVERYONE** believes and supports education
2. Student Count – where is it heading
3. Maintenance & Operations (M&O)
4. How does SD 9 Compare?
5. Focus on teachers and teaching environment
6. Responsible spending of taxpayers' money
7. Taxpayers' Burden
8. Are WE getting what we are paying for?



# Student Count

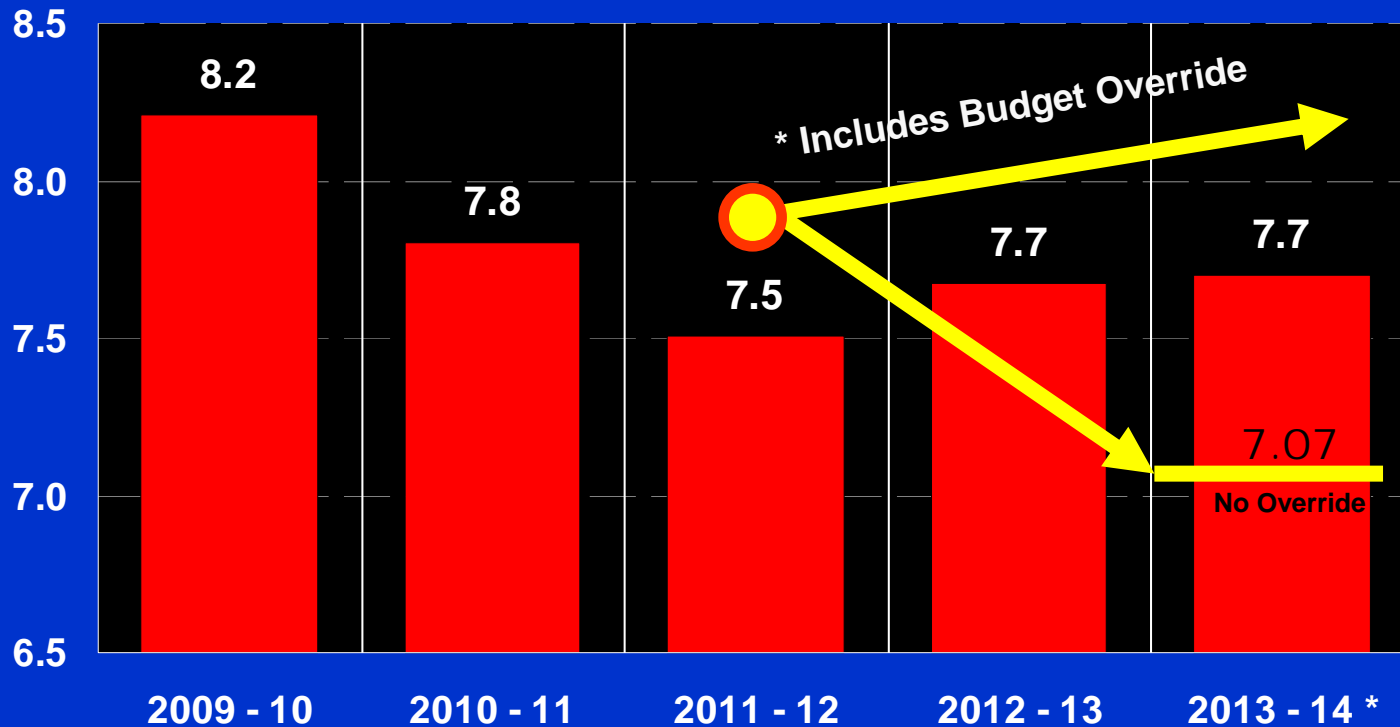
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**2013-14 student enrollment is 6% lower**

# Maintenance & Operating Budget \$Millions

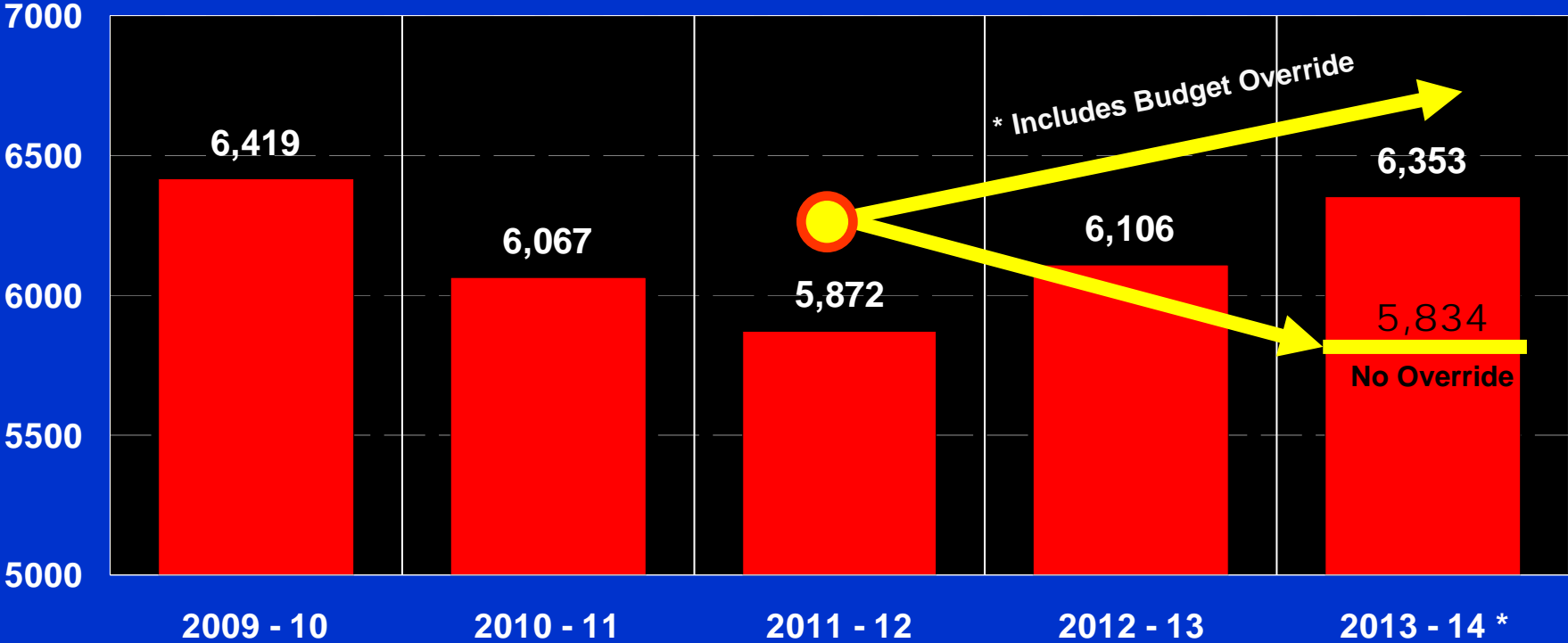
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**2013-14 M&O budget is 3% Higher**

# Maintenance & Operating Budget Per Student (\$)

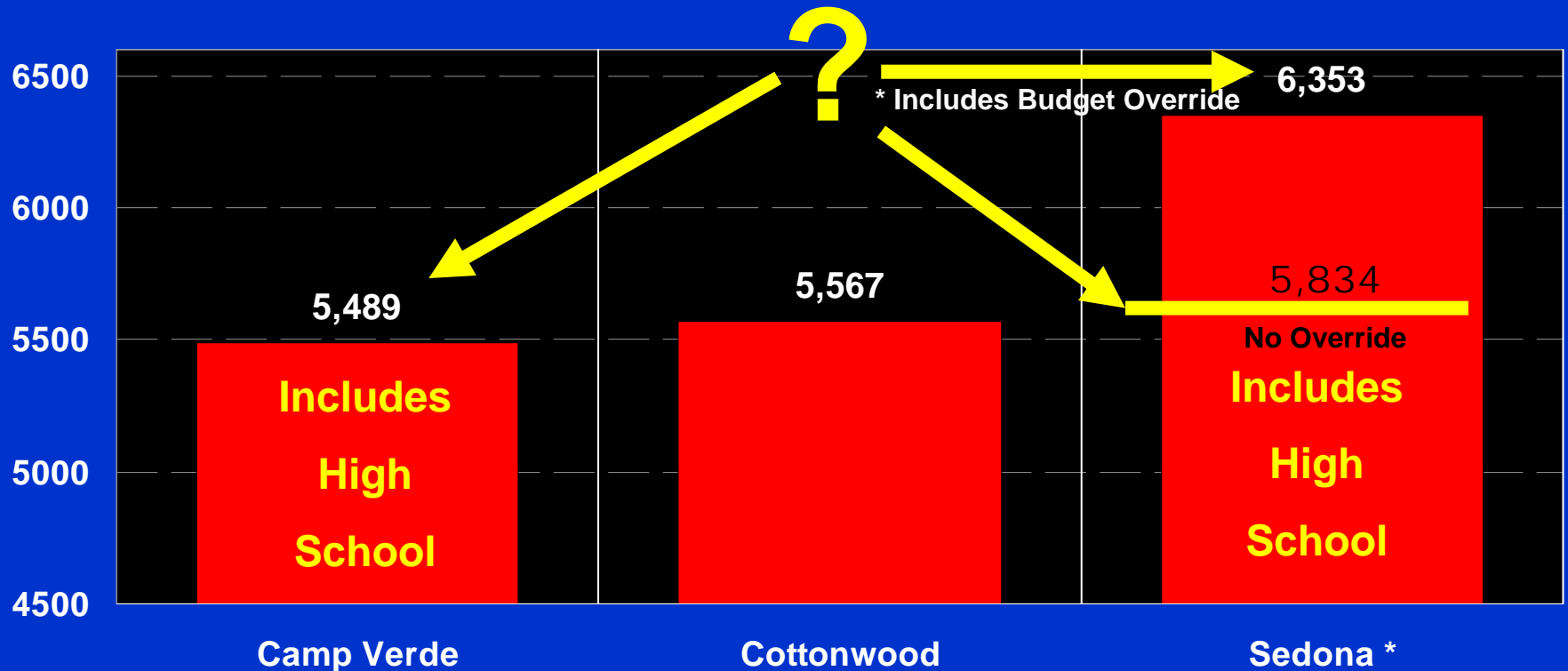
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**2013-14 M&O budget per student is 8% higher**

# Maintenance & Operating Budget 2013-14 Per Student (\$)

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2013-14 M&O budget per student is 16% HIGHER than  
CAMP VERDE...

Camp Verde has NEVER had an Override!

**123 STAFF POSITIONS for 2013-14:**

**70 Teachers**

Defined as Classroom Instruction by the Board of Education

2013-14 Teacher's Salary & Benefit (S&B) \$2.6 Million, a \$37,000 Package for 9 MONTHS work - equates to S&B \$49,500 per year

\$33K per capita income for all of Sedona

**53 Support Positions**

2013-14 Support Services is \$2.0 Million, \$37,000 Package –  
9 and 12 months combination

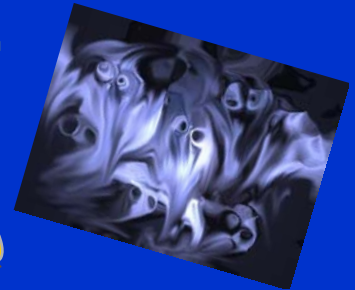
Support Services are 77% of the teachers Salary & Benefits

How much of the \$2.0 million could be saved by better managing  
Maintenance Services, or contracting them out for bid?

According to Yes For Sedona Schools Committee,  
without the Override funding...



# *The Scare Tactics*



“People looking to relocate will learn that our community failed to support education”

“As many as half our teachers were laid off and 2/3 of the curriculum was cut “

“Key buildings such as gyms, performing arts center, multipurpose buildings and a K-8 school were closed”

“Property values will probably be dropping, crime increasing, and community culture dwindling”

“Our businesses will start to deteriorate and our tourists will start to dwindle”

“City services will most likely be cut and property tax for the city will be assessed to its residents”

**Seriously ?**

# *And the Scariest of All...*

## According to *Yes For Sedona Schools Committee* without the Override funding...

“If the Override fails – I hope you understand that the Performing Arts Center will be closed. It costs the School district \$50,000 a year to run. Revenue is about \$60,000 and expenses about \$110,000. Without the Override, either the city will have to step up or the building will close.”

- Closing will NOT save Maintenance and Overhead
- Closing will NOT prevent student use
- Closing is AGAINST the core CHARTER of the Bond Issue WHICH was one of the PRIMARY SELLING FEATURES to the PUBLIC in order to get the PUBLIC to vote for the \$76 million SCHOOL ISSUE!



# Sedona Performing Arts Center

1. \$7 Million Solar Power Field - TAXPAYER funded through the Bond
2. **Items PUSHED by the Sedona 30 and others:**
3. Naming Rights Opportunity \$100s of thousands – **REJECTED BY SCHOOL BOARD** (Del Web Performing Arts Center Wickenburg)
4. Selling of SEATS to donors – **REJECTED BY SCHOOL BOARD**
5. Hire a Professional Manager to book events – **REJECTED BY SCHOOL BOARD**
6. Had a commitment from more than one CORPORATE SPONSOR – **REJECTED BY SCHOOL BOARD**
7. Why is SPAC NOT a FOR PROFIT or separate 501(3)C which could work with the city and others?
8. Where is the allocation of costs back to the School District?
9. **Why has this been handled in such a sloppy and irresponsible fashion...Let's just tap the taxpayer!**

# Will the REAL budget please stand up

June 24, 2013 the Submitted M&O budget to ADE was

**\$7,019,357**

June 24, 2013 School Board minutes M&O Budget was

**\$7,714,185**

Invest in Education Sedona's Budget Override flyer stated the M&O  
Budget was

**\$7,183,061**

School management expects the taxpayers to AGREE to reach  
into their pockets and fork over additional monies to a school  
system that is unable to come up with the same budget number  
in three different attempts...NO MORE EXCUSES

# Arizona Residents – School District (SD9)

## **Pay Attention!**

Just for Unified #9 School District line item, from 2011 to 2013 –  
**Taxes up 18%**



2012 to 2013 ALONE SD #9 **Taxes up 8%**

Overall tax increase from 2011 to 2013 – **up 20%**

2012 To 2013 Overall tax - **up 14%**

(Excluding Minimum School Tax SD#9 left off 2012 statement)

The United States Spends MORE per student than ANY other developed country on the planet! BUT... The Program for International Student Assessment measurement found the United States ranked 31st in math literacy among 15-year-old students and below the international average. The same 2009 tests found the United States ranked 23rd in science among the same students, but posting an average score. Huffington Post 6/25/13

# Bottom Line

- 2011 Inflation 3.1% \*
- 2012 Inflation 1.8% \*
- 2013 Inflation 1.5% (Thru 8/13) \*
- **Tax INCREASE is outpacing inflation by 14% pts.**
- Economy is SLOW
- Jobs are WEAK
- **OUR taxes are UP**

*Equating a small property tax "average" is disingenuous. Every government agency wanting a "little" more money uses this tactic. This REALLY gets old, as it always adds up to not so "little" money in aggregate. It is very disappointing to see this tactic used. Tugging on the "heart strings" and ignorance of the voting public is really getting old to those that actually pay attention. Override cost to a Sedona homeowner will be ANOTHER \$123.00/yr on assessed home value of \$595,000*

OUR contribution to school tax in OUR 2013 Property Tax Bill dedicated to education is 57%!

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>School Equalization</b>       | <b>5%</b>  |
| <b>Sedona Unified SD #9</b>      | <b>26%</b> |
| <b>Minimum School Tax</b>        | <b>7%</b>  |
| <b>Yavapai Community College</b> | <b>19%</b> |



**Vote NO**

**On the Budget Override**

**It is time for the Sedona SD#9 school management to start thinking outside the box.**

***The citizens of this district have pulled in their belts. Consumer spending is down, tax collections are down, and sacrifices are being made. Times are TOUGH!***

**Government constantly going to the 'taxpayer well' must end. Time for fiscally responsible and creative school management.**

**END Slide Deck Presentation**

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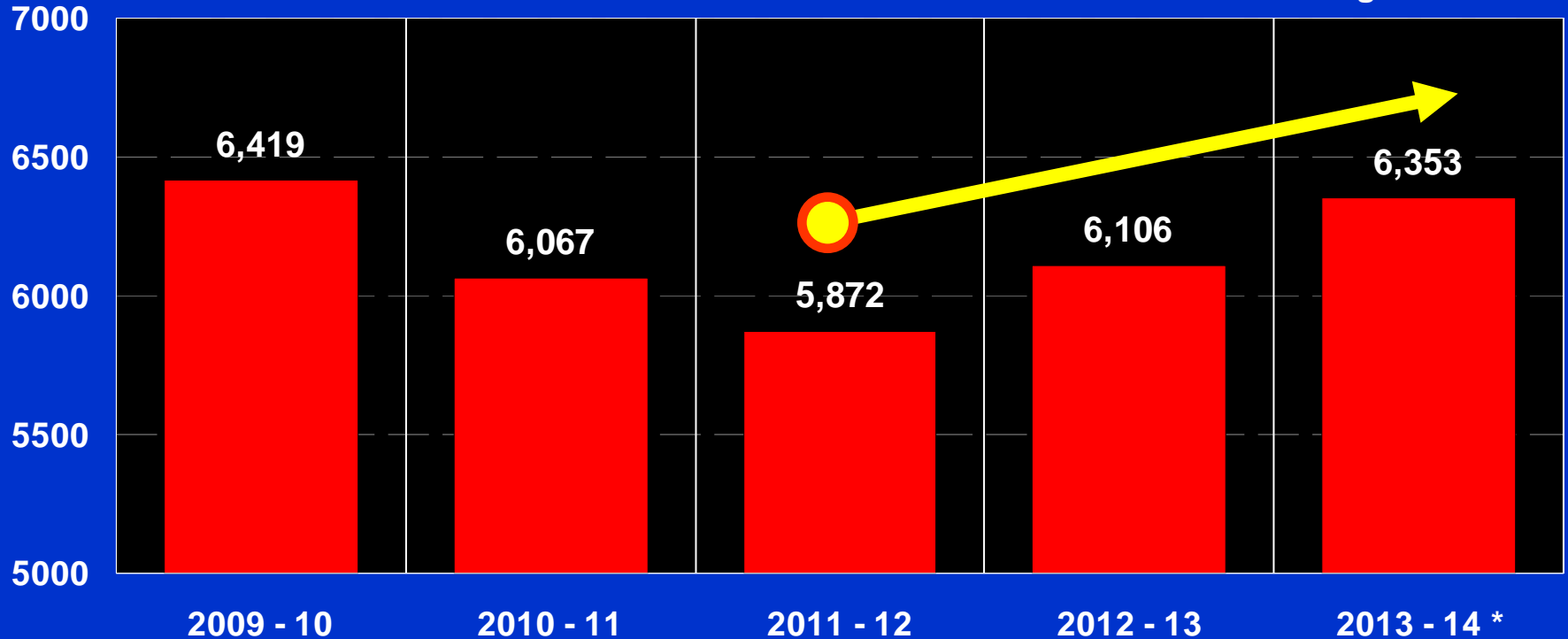
1. Dateline June 24, 2013 the proposed M&O budget of \$7,019,357 was Submitted to the Arizona Department of Education
2. Dateline June 24, 2013 the minutes of the 2013 school board meeting reflect a proposed M&O Budget of \$7,714,185, a difference of \$694,828 from the Dept. of Education Submission.
3. Dateline *Invest in Education Sedona's Foundation For The Future* flyer FOR the Budget Override stated the M&O Budget was \$7,183,061, a difference of \$163,704 from the Department of Education Submission.

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# Maintenance & Operating Budget Per Student (\$)

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\* Includes Budget Override



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Arizona in 48<sup>th</sup> in the country spending per student – but 32<sup>nd</sup> in the country cost of living index.