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Our District has 1,123,149 square feet of space in 19 elementary and middle schools. We have retrofitted our buildings with more energy efficient lighting fixtures and replaced older A/C units and other equipment with more energy efficient models. We also have a very good HVAC preventative maintenance program to keep it operating efficiently. Despite all of our efforts, our electricity bills continue to soar due to rate increases. The proposed rate increase will cost our District another \$225,000 on top of past rate increases. To reduce their property taxes I believe APS and other companies with large assessed valuations were instrumental in eliminating the excess utilities program that allowed school districts to add to their budgets for higher utility costs. This benefited APS shareholders just as this rate increase will benefit them also. Arizona ranks 50 among all states in per pupil funding for education. Only Utah spends less than Arizona. School districts are facing a far worse financial situation than APS. Vote for our kids, vote against this double digit increase.

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