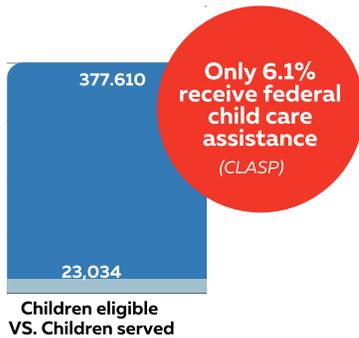


ARIZONA NEEDS A ROBUST FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION

Arizona's schools are facing unprecedented challenges, battling both public health and economic crises. With access to high-quality education dependent on resources and state and local revenue, the federal government must invest in our children, our communities, and our schools to ensure every student has the opportunity to receive an excellent education.



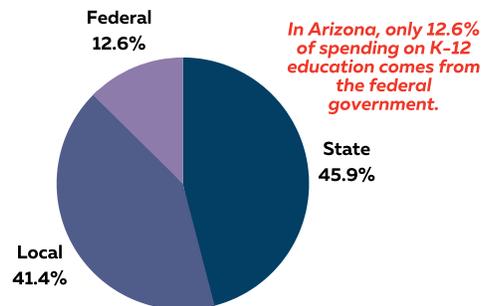
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

High-quality early childhood education is essential to improving behavioral and social emotional development, and reducing the gap between low and high income young children. The federal Child Care program, however, is so underfunded that only a small fraction of eligible children receive critical services.

A LACK OF FEDERAL FUNDS

Access to great teachers and leaders, enrichment activities, extended learning time, and college and career readiness is critical to educational success for all children. But access is far from equal. Federal funding for these critical supports is insufficient and has remained relatively flat for the past decade.

(Congressional Research Service)



UNDERPAID TEACHERS

We expect our teachers to be superheroes, but in Arizona starting teachers are paid less than similarly experienced professionals.

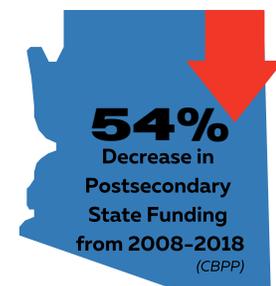
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A \$413M IDEA FUNDING GAP

Congress promised to fully fund special education more than 40 years ago, but it has failed to live up to its promise of meeting the needs of children with disabilities.

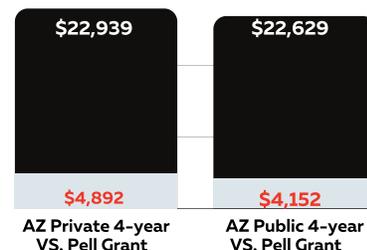
(The Advocacy Institute)



HIGHER EDUCATION IS UNATTAINABLE

Significant cuts in state spending for higher education over the last decade have contributed to steep tuition increases, pushing more of the costs of attending college onto students. The federal Pell Grant program only provides a fraction of the funds needed to attend college; and many Americans are feeling the crush of massive student debt.

(NCES)



Our children, our students, our communities cannot afford this failure of federal leadership. The federal government must step up and invest in this generation of students - before it is too late.