



Stand for Children Arizona Commends Governor Hobbs' Commitment to Education in State of the State Address

PHOENIX, AZ – In her inaugural State of the State address, Governor Katie Hobbs outlined a visionary path for Arizona, including support for middle class families and promoting key educational issues that align closely with the objectives of Stand for Children Arizona. Her call for bipartisan efforts to address these pressing concerns resonates with our mission to ensure that every child receives a quality education.

Specifically, we applaud:

- **Extending Prop 123:** Governor Hobbs' proposal to increase funding to teachers by extending Prop 123 is more robust than other proposals under consideration because it adds other essential school personnel needed to keep our kids safe and healthy.
- **Challenging the ESA Voucher Program:** The unaccountable ESA voucher program has placed an unsustainable financial burden on our state budget. We commend Governor Hobbs for the responsible reforms she outlined recently, calling for more accountability within the program and putting the breaks on runaway spending through handouts to the wealthy – those who already chose private schools and do not need taxpayer funds to backfill their private school tuition. [Recent polling shows that voters agree.](#) A full 60% of Arizona voters do not support the ESA voucher program as it currently stands.
- **Upholding Bipartisan Collaboration:** The Governor's emphasis on bipartisanship reflects our belief that education reform requires collaborative effort across the political spectrum. We encourage all legislators to work alongside Governor Hobbs to realize these reforms.

“Stand for Children Arizona remains committed to holding leadership accountable and advocating for the students and families of Arizona,” said Executive Director Rebeca Gau. “We are optimistic that substantial progress will be made in these areas under Governor Hobbs' leadership, ensuring a brighter future for all Arizonans. However, if the legislature chooses to play partisan games, voters will have the opportunity to make changes this fall.”

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About Stand for Children Arizona

Stand for Children Arizona is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children, regardless of background, graduate from high school prepared for and with access to a college education. For more information, please visit www.stand.org.