



Madison Traditional Academy ✨

# Guild Meeting

September 11, 2023


Co-Presidents:

Sara Snyder & Catheryn Avalos

# Communication!

- Facebook
- Weekly Hoots + Hollers email
- Remind texts

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## *Hoots'n'Hollers Newsletter*

2023-2024: Q1W2

THE GUILD PTO - MADISON TRADITIONAL ACADEMY

### PRESIDENTS' UPDATE

Dear MTA families,

What a week- it was so nice to see everyone back on campus!  
Thank you to all the Safe Start volunteers and Committee Chair,  
Megan Ross, who all braved the heat to ensure everything went  
as smoothly and safely as possible with pick up + drop off.



Our Guild Membership Drive is kicking off and we need YOUR support! You can join the Guild via this [link](#) and show your support for all the additional programs we provide for the school. From family events, our annual Art Show, additional funding for athletic teams, music, PE, art, Teacher Appreciation Week, the Book Fair, Art Masterpiece, OwlStar Assemblies, capital improvement projects and so much more!

The class with the highest number of Guild members wins a pizza party with Principal Merrill!

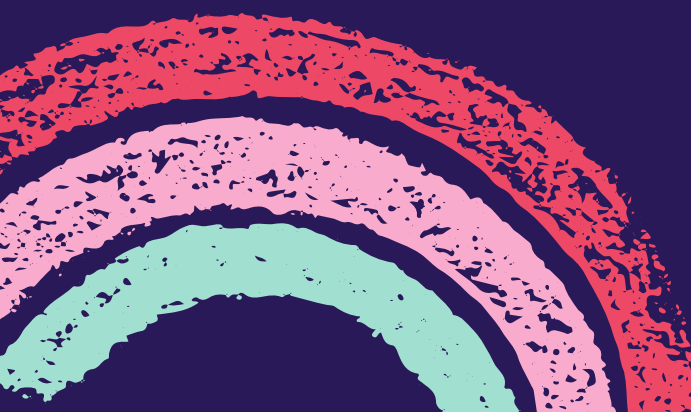
Every month, we host our monthly Guild meeting in the MTA cafeteria from 6-7 pm. The agenda varies for each meeting but we always have information about upcoming events, initiatives and Principal Merrill shares updates and answers questions.

We also have our Committees who manage logo items and uniform clothing for sale there before the meeting so come early and check it out. Attendees also get an hour of volunteer credit so this is a great way to stay connected + get hours!

# Important Dates

September – All Month Long –  
Genuine Concepts Restaurants Fundraiser  
AZ POPS – every Friday all year!  
(mention MTA!)

9/12 & 9/14: Vision and Hearing Screening  
9/21: School Pictures (Original & Staff Group Pictures)  
9/29: Owl-Star Assembly (K-4 1:40pm, 5-8 2:20pm)



## GENUINE GIVES GIVING BACK TO MTA

### HOW IT WORKS

- Tell your server you would like your contribution to go to Madison Traditional Academy (MTA)
- The entire month of September.
  - Valid at:  
The Vig  
(North Central, Arcadia, Fillmore locations)  
and  
The Genuine.

15% OF  
YOUR BILL



MTA

THE VIG  
THE Genuine  
CAMPO  
ITALIAN EATERY AND BAR



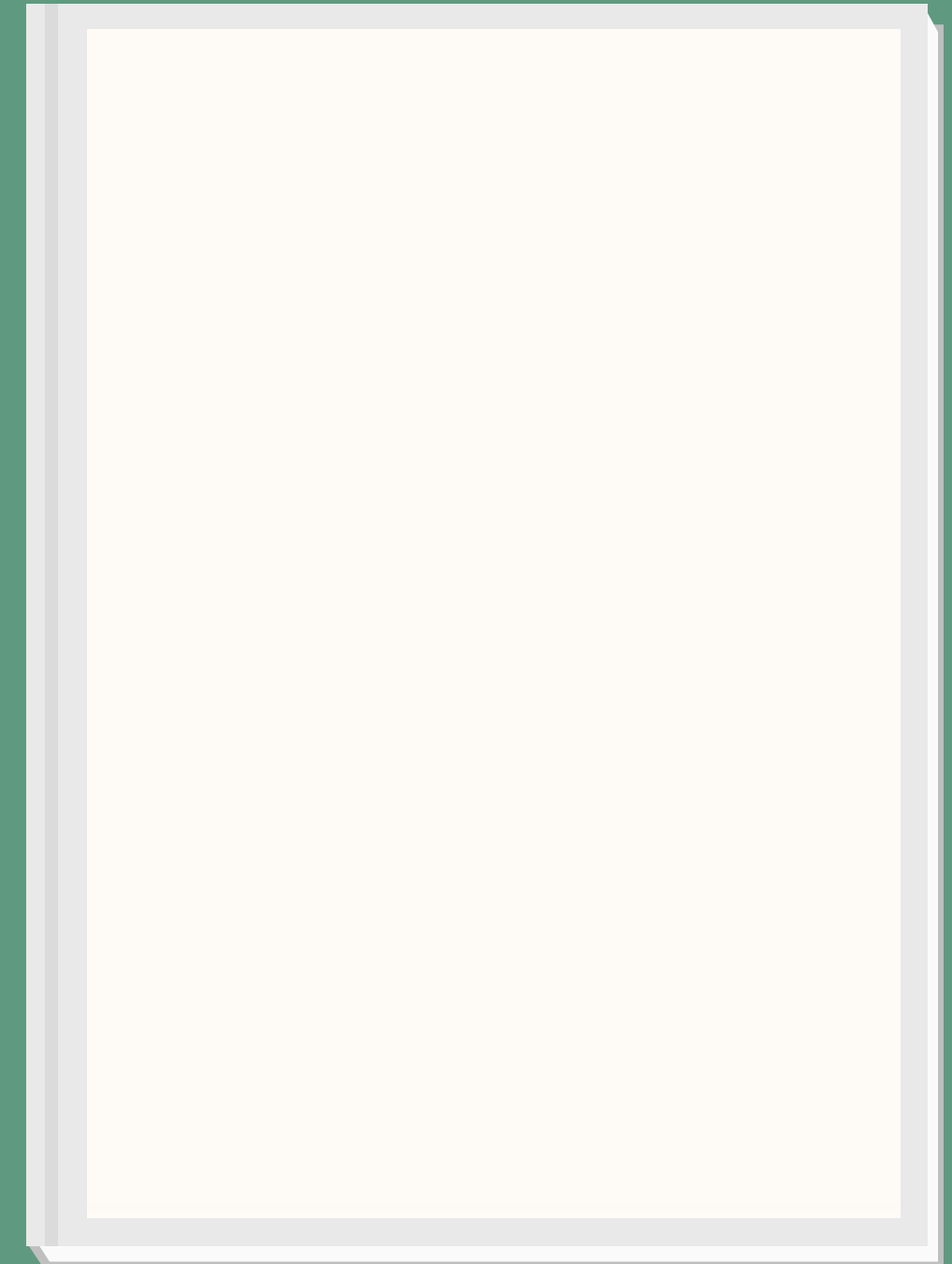
# Spirit Nights

Every month, we have special fundraising partnerships with local restaurants where they donate a percentage of sales back to the school.

These are called *Spirit Nights* and our committee is headed up by Becky Girard & Chelsie Vyles.

Last month we partnered with Café Zupas. For the month of September, our partner is Genuine Concepts—The Vig locations, The Genuine, etc.

All year long we have a standing partnership with AZ Pops on Fridays!





# Volunteer Hours



Please keep track of your hours while the District works out the glitch.

If you can no longer for your volunteer assignment,  
please cancel in the sign up so someone else can volunteer.



It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to seek out, schedule and complete their volunteer time.

Per the Family Commitment Form,  
each family is required to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours per year.

You are allowed a total of two months off,  
but are expected to work in some capacity for 8 of the 10 school months (Aug-May)



CONSEQUENCE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF YOUR OPEN ENROLLMENT STATUS.



# Save the Date

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- 11/3 Parent Social
- 11/17 Fun Run @ Sunnyslope
- 12/13 Zoolights
- 2/27 Family Fun Day @ MTA
- 4/6 Sweetheart Dance





Join the  
GUILD!



Coming Soon: October Membership Drive



## MTA Guild

Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2024 Budget (Jul 2023 - Jun 2024) - FY24 P&L  
July 2023 - June 2024

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue				
Art Walk	29.31	500.00	-470.69	5.86 %
Back to School Packs		300.00	-300.00	
Book Fair		0.00	0.00	
Cash / Coin Drive		9,500.00	-9,500.00	
Contributions	568.90	1,000.00	-431.10	56.89 %
Dad's Club				
Cornhole		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
Movie Night		0.00	0.00	
Sports Raffle		6,000.00	-6,000.00	
ZooLights	-3,022.50	500.00	-3,522.50	-604.50 %
<b>Total Dad's Club</b>	<b>-3,022.50</b>	<b>11,500.00</b>	<b>-14,522.50</b>	<b>-26.28 %</b>
Family Events				
Bingo Night		200.00	-200.00	
Kickball Tournament	-272.00	200.00	-472.00	-136.00 %
Parent/Child Dance		500.00	-500.00	
Spirit Night	168.70	1,000.00	-831.30	16.87 %
<b>Total Family Events</b>	<b>-103.30</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>	<b>-2,003.30</b>	<b>-5.44 %</b>
Family Fun Day		200.00	-200.00	
Fun Run		25,000.00	-25,000.00	
Hoot Attacks		100.00	-100.00	
Interest Income	3.12	25.00	-21.88	12.48 %
Logo Items	-1,683.58	500.00	-2,183.58	-336.72 %
Mad Money	286.61	1,400.00	-1,113.39	20.47 %
Membership/Directory	2,109.86	5,500.00	-3,390.14	38.36 %
Miscellaneous Fundraisers	0.01		0.01	
Parent Social		7,500.00	-7,500.00	
Read-A-Thon		28,000.00	-28,000.00	
Sponsorship Committee		30,000.00	-30,000.00	
Uniform Exchange	386.00	500.00	-114.00	77.20 %
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -1,425.57</b>	<b>\$123,425.00</b>	<b>\$ -124,850.57</b>	<b>-1.16 %</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ -1,425.57</b>	<b>\$123,425.00</b>	<b>\$ -124,850.57</b>	<b>-1.16 %</b>
Expenditures				
Art Masterpiece		1,200.00	-1,200.00	
Art Supplies	352.53	2,500.00	-2,147.47	14.10 %
Assemblies		6,000.00	-6,000.00	
Capital Improvements		20,000.00	-20,000.00	
Eighth Grade Graduation		1,300.00	-1,300.00	
Guild Operations	2,066.12	6,000.00	-3,933.88	34.44 %
Library		1,000.00	-1,000.00	

# Financials



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MEF Contribution		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Merchant Service Fees		0.00	0.00	
Musical Instruments	204.58	2,000.00	-1,795.42	10.23 %
Noon Duty Aide		20,000.00	-20,000.00	
Nurse		250.00	-250.00	
PBIS Program		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
Physical Education		1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Principal's Fund		500.00	-500.00	
Scholarship Fund		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Social Worker-Counselor-Interventionist	1,032.95	1,000.00	32.95	103.30 %
Sports - Athletic Director		1,500.00	-1,500.00	
Supply Closet Teacher/Office	1,185.92	1,500.00	-314.08	79.06 %
Teacher Allotment	2,600.00	2,700.00	-100.00	96.30 %
Teacher Curricular Supplements		1,800.00	-1,800.00	
Teacher Purchases		500.00	-500.00	
Teacher/Staff Appreciation	815.75	6,000.00	-5,184.25	13.60 %
Teacher/Staff Development		500.00	-500.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,257.85</b>	<b>\$84,750.00</b>	<b>\$ -76,492.15</b>	<b>9.74 %</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ -9,683.42</b>	<b>\$38,675.00</b>	<b>\$ -48,358.42</b>	<b>-25.04 %</b>
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# Principal's Update



Saxon with Casey George,  
Former MTA Principal +  
Director of Signature Programs



Q & A





# YES!

## ON MADISON

BOND & OVERRIDE  
ELECTION

November 7, 2023

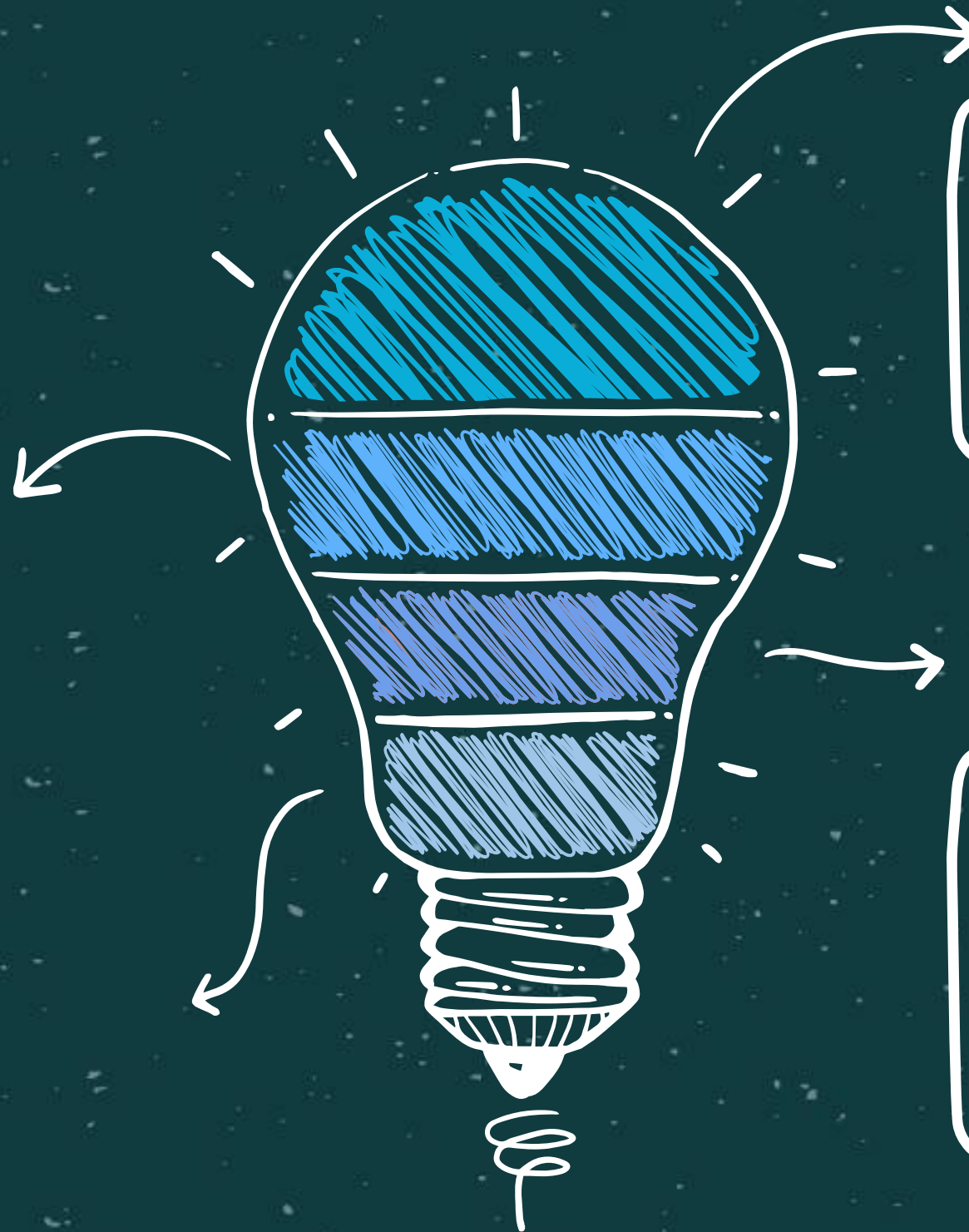
# MADISON IS 130 YEARS OF AWESOME!

## TOP TIER SCHOOLS

Named in US News & World Report as Best Public Elementary & Middle Schools

## MODERN CAMPUSES

Updated tech, safety measures, & classrooms



## AMAZING TEACHERS

Coding Teacher at Madison Camelview is a 2023 Arizona Teacher of the Year Top 15 Candidate

## DIVERSE PROGRAMS

STEAM, IB, REACH, language immersion, visual & performing arts, & more!

HOW DO WE KEEP OUR SCHOOLS AWESOME?

BY VOTING



**YES!**  
ON MADISON

# THE ELECTION IS COMING!

What'll be on your ballot?

2 questions:

1. Approval of \$100 million bond
2. Maintenance & Operations Override Continuation

Who?

Madison residents



When?

Ballots mailed on October 11

Ballots returned by November 7

Where?

Election is by mail. Drop off locations are available.

# WHAT IS A BOND?



A bond is a financing tool used by many public sector entities including schools and local governments

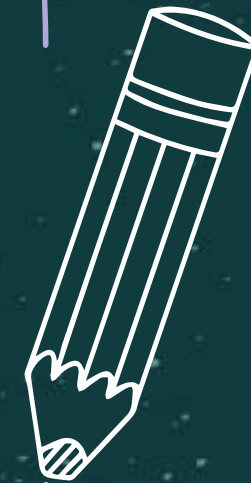


A Board authorized and voter approved bond leverages property tax dollars to repay a bond "loan" under the best negotiated terms possible



Bonds for schools can be used to fund:

- Building or renovation of buildings
- Equipment or technology
- Furniture
- Improvement of school grounds
- Purchase of transportation vehicles



# DIDN'T I JUST VOTE FOR A BOND?

## 2019 BOND ELECTION

Voters generously approved a \$90 million bond in 2019

What that investment in our schools got us:

Madison Meadows Phases 2 & 3

Madison No. 1 Cafe Renovation

Madison Park Rebuild

Safety & Security Measures

- \*Front office security
- \*Security Cameras
- \*Fencing

Buses

Technology

Classroom Furniture

Major Life Cycle Projects

# WHY DO WE NEED ANOTHER BOND?

## LACK OF INVESTMENT BY THE STATE

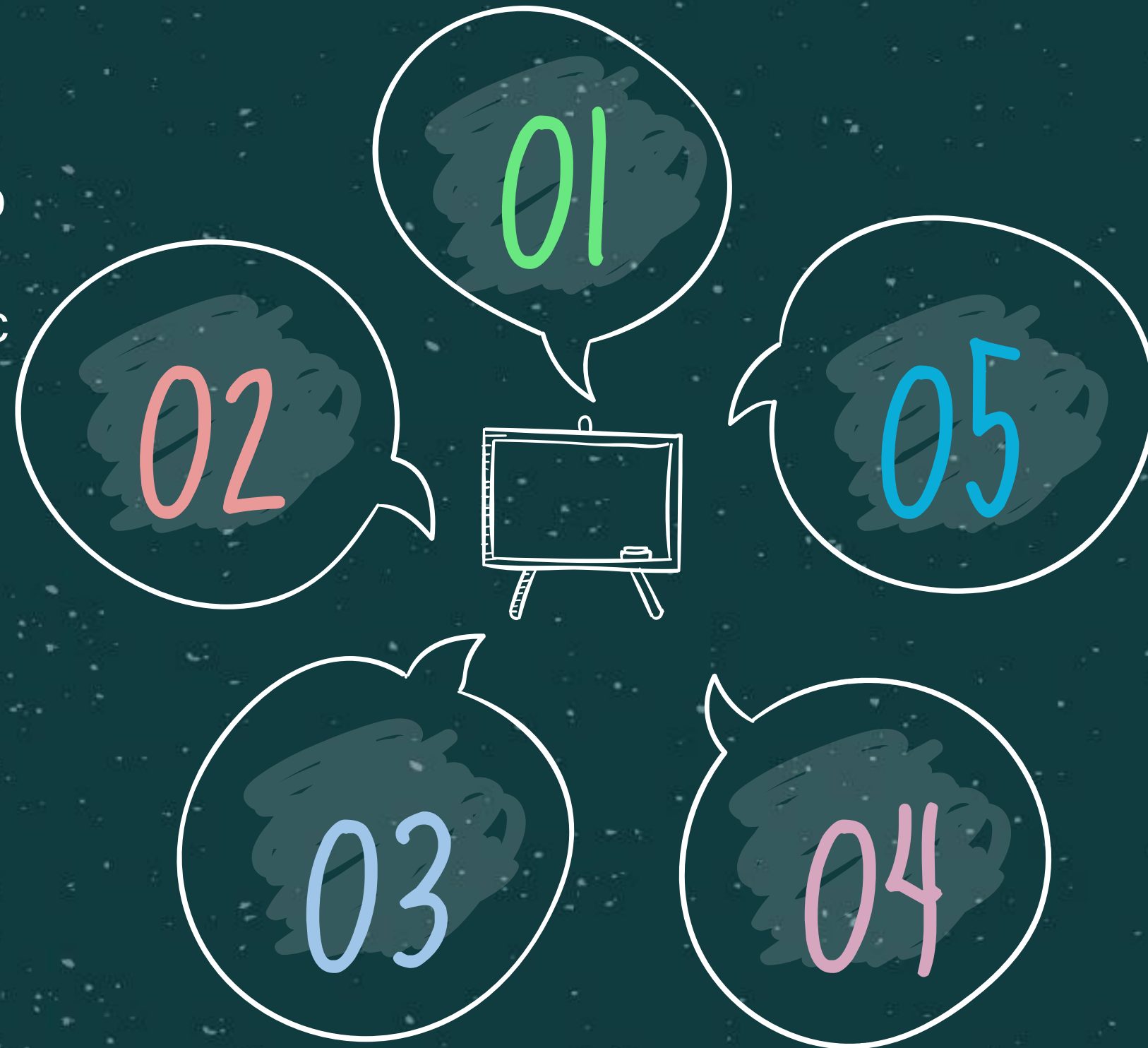
Because Arizona continues to rank at the bottom of nearly every funding category, public schools are forced to heavily

rely on local funding (bonds/overrides)

The state's Building Renewal Grant program does not pay for preventative maintenance

## SAFE SCHOOLS

Our kids need a safe and secure learning environment.



## MODERNIZING CAMPUSES

Technology and innovation are driving how our kids are learning today. We need to stay competitive by accommodating cutting edge learning spaces.

## IMPROVING

## EFFICIENCY

It's far more efficient to replace an aging school building than to continually repair.



# WHAT WILL THIS NEW BOND MONEY PAY FOR?

## BUILDING REMODELS

Meadows Gym  
Heights Remodel  
Park Phase 3  
Rose Lane Rebuild



## SAFETY & SECURITY UPGRADES

Fire panels  
Intercom upgrades  
Iron fencing



## LIFE CYCLE PROJECTS

Paint	Plumbing
Field	replacemen
repairs	t
HVAC	Shade
Furniture	structures
Roofing	Buses



## TECHNOLOGY

Computer refresh  
Network  
infrastructure  
Energy conservation



# WHAT IS AN OVERRIDE?



Arizona law allows school districts to seek voter approval to exceed their Maintenance and Operations budgets (monies received from the state to run the day to day of schools) if their budget exceeds the operating limit.



Overrides ratchet down in year 5 and expire in year 7.



A maintenance and operations override can fund:

- Employee salaries & benefits
- Classroom supplies
- Transportation



# WHAT WILL THIS OVERRIDE FUND?

If renewed, this \$5.2 million maintenance and operations override will

continue to:

Provide access to curriculum and Signature Programs for every student

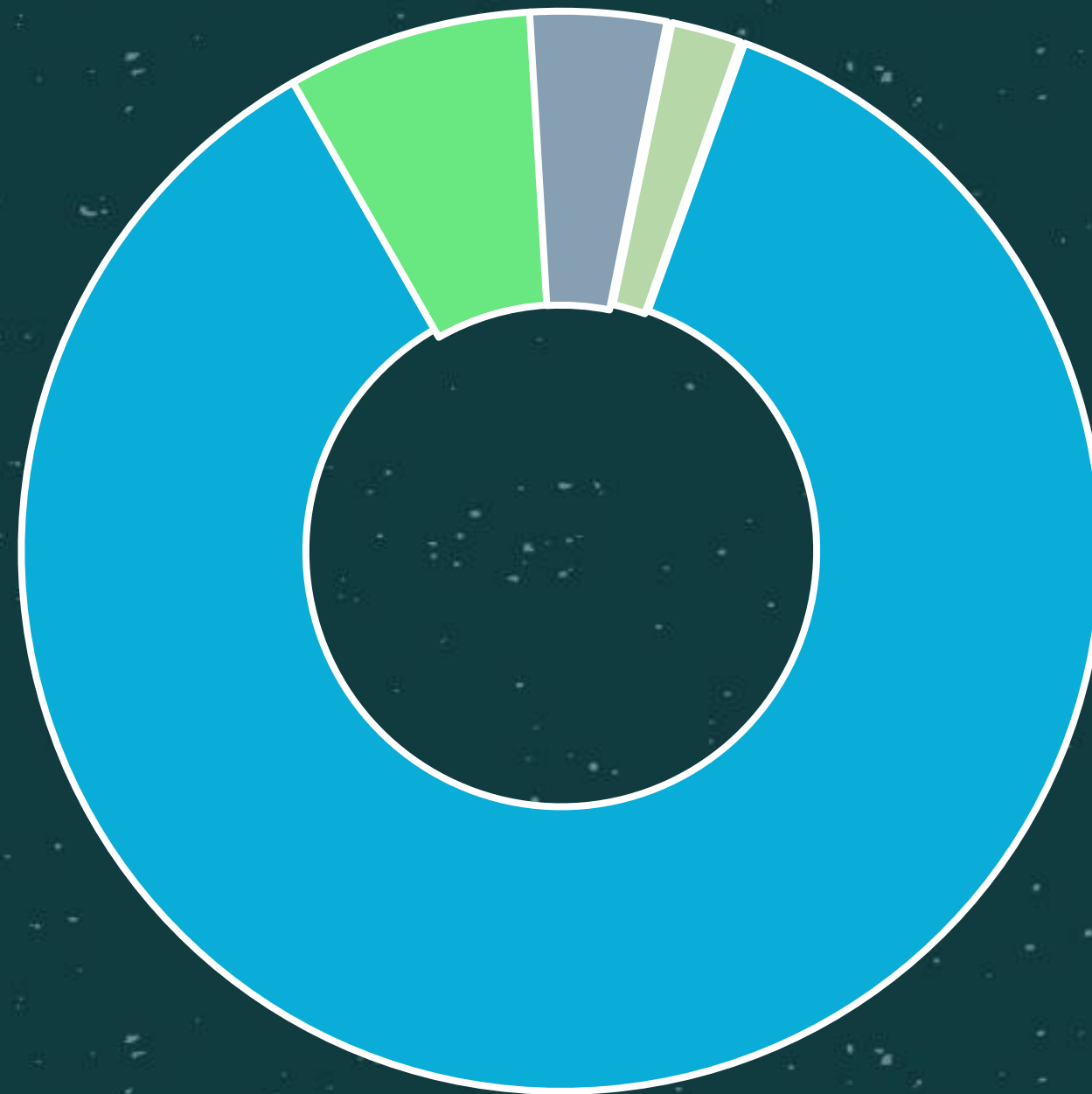
Provide student and staff support services

Recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff

# BREAK DOWN OF MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS OVERRIDE EXPENDITURES

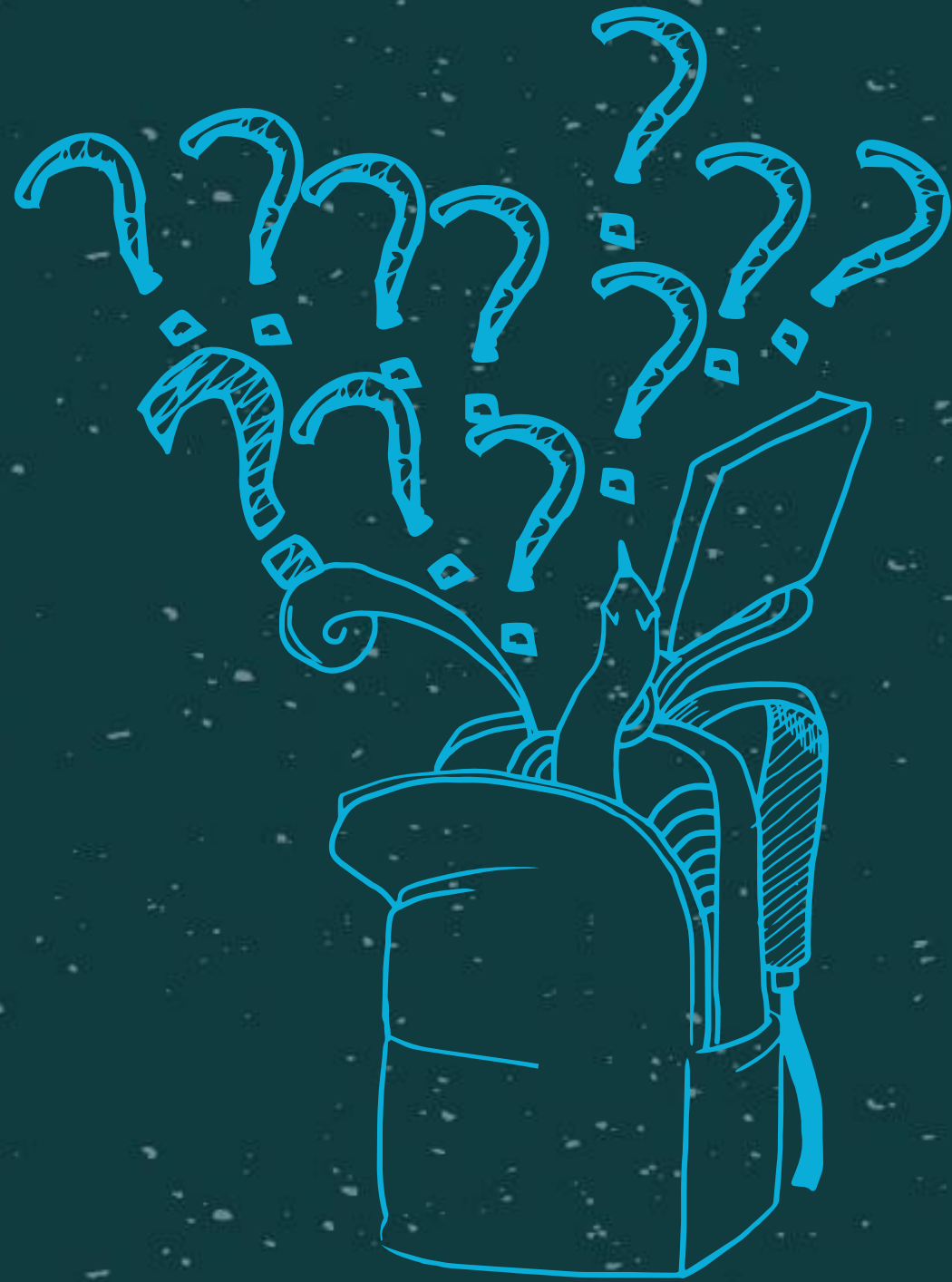
85%  
Salaries &  
Benefits

7.2%  
Purchased  
services



5%  
Utilities

2.8%  
Supplies &  
Other



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# BUT WHY DO WE NEED A BOND AND AN OVERRIDE?

Bonds and overrides are in different buckets and used to fund different items

## BONDS

Must be used to fund capital projects that have a useful lifespan of greater than 5 years

## M&O OVERRIDES

used for running the schools

Funds from one bucket canNOT be used in another bucket

# WILL THIS INCREASE MY TAXES?

NO!

If the bond and override pass, taxes will NOT increase. A "yes/yes" vote will maintain the current tax rate.

The property tax rate of the Madison School District is one of the lowest in the area.

Madison's good fiscal management has led to a reduction in the property tax rate EACH of the last 4 years.

Moody's Investors Service gives Madison's bond credit a rating of Aa1, one of only 7 school districts in the state to attain that

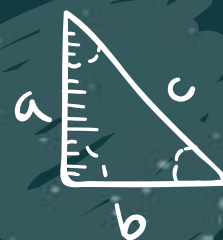
high rating.

# HASN'T THERE BEEN AN INCREASE IN SCHOOL FUNDING LATELY?

YES, BUT...



State funding is now at pre-Great Recession levels. That's 15 years of growth and inflation not taken into account.



Arizona is still ranked 48th in the country in per pupil spending.



The state provides very little funds to properly maintain our campuses.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 11  
Ballots mailed

NOVEMBER 1  
Last recommended day to  
drop your completed ballot in  
the mail

OCTOBER 27  
Last day to request a  
mail-in ballot from the  
County Recorder's Office

NOVEMBER 7  
Election Day. If you still have  
your ballot, drop it off at your  
local polling place by day  
end!



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE!



REQUEST A YARD SIGN

FIND ELECTION RESOURCES

LEARN THE FACTS ABOUT BONDS AND OVERRIDES

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THANK YOU FOR VOTING





Thank you!

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