

Fall 2019

Achiever

Dysart Unified School District



DYSART BY THE NUMBERS



26

SCHOOLS
20 ELEMENTARY
4 HIGH SCHOOLS
1 ALTERNATIVE
1 PRESCHOOL

24,000+



PRESCHOOL
THROUGH 12TH
GRADE STUDENTS



2,754

EMPLOYEES

1,293 teachers
109 licensed staff
1,103 support staff
87 administrators
162 coaches/support subs



140

SQUARE MILES

Dysart operates and maintains over 3.2 million square feet of building space and more than 585 acres of land.



\$7,484

PER PUPIL

Dysart spent \$7,484 per pupil on operations, which is \$3,908 per pupil less than the national average.



BREAKFAST MEALS SERVED: **947,744**
LUNCH MEALS SERVED: **2,167,265**
TOTAL MEALS SERVED: **3,518,555**



1.6 MILLION
MILES DRIVEN
EACH YEAR

1,800

SENIORS GRADUATED
(2018-2019)

\$30 MILLION
2018-2019
SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED

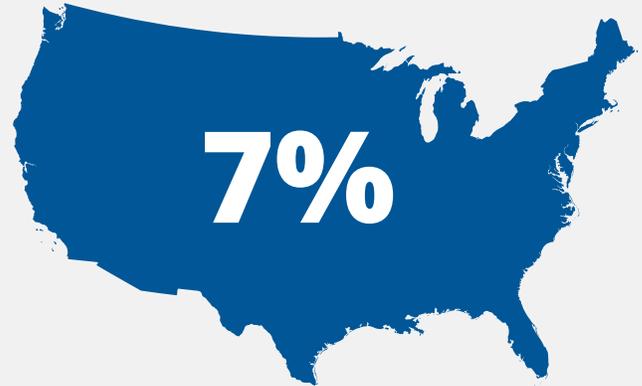


\$50,799

2019-2020 Average Teacher Salary

This is a 5% increase from the 2018-2019 school year.

HOW SCHOOLS ARE FUNDED



Of the state funding, 95% is for Maintenance & Operations or day-to-day operating expenses like salaries, utilities, transportation services, and supplies. Capital expenses such as buildings, furniture, equipment, technology, textbooks, and buses make up the other 5%.

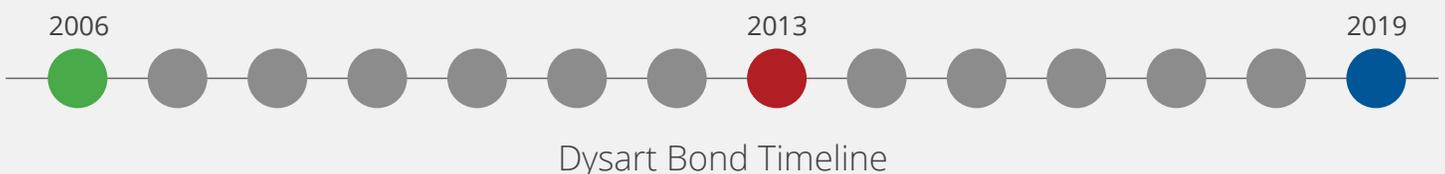
Federal funding includes money for special education services and the learning needs of students living in poverty using Title I funds. Federal funds can only be used for those programs, and can't be used for anything else.

State funding is generated from property taxes, income taxes, sales taxes and fees. The state approves a budget each year that includes specific levels for school districts.

Dysart Override and Bond Timelines

Bonds and Overrides are a way for communities to provide additional funds, beyond what the state provides, to their local schools for various projects and operations.

- VOTER APPROVED
- VOTER REJECTED
- REQUESTED



WHAT IS AN OVERRIDE

An override is voter authorization to exceed the school districts Revenue Control Limit, by up to 15%, on day-to-day operational expenses. Any increase is funded by the local taxpayers and therefore it requires voter approval. Each year, districts are required to hold a public meeting to present how override funds are spent.

Dysart currently has a M&O override in place, so this request of the voters is to continue the current 15% override. A M&O override is valid for seven years. The first five years are fully funded, but after the fifth year, the override is reduced by 1/3 each year until the 7th year, unless the override is renewed.

How can Maintenance and Operations (M&O) override monies be spent?

M&O expenses are those required for day-to-day operations of the district. This includes things like staff salaries and benefits, school supplies or professional development. Dysart uses override funds to retain high quality teachers and staff and maintain quality programs for students.

Can these types of expenses be funded in a bond program?

State statute dictates how various funds can be spent by school districts. Bonds fund capital improvement projects, which generally include items that last for at least five years, such as building improvements and new construction.

Override Timeline



WHAT IS A BOND

When the voters of a district approve a bond authorization it allows the school district to sell general obligation bonds in the bond market. A bond authorization is normally broken up in multiple bond sales so that the tax rate is minimal. Bonds fund projects that have a useful life of more than five years like major building projects, renovations, technology, furniture and equipment, buses, and land purchases.

How are these bond monies allowed to be spent?

- To improve school grounds
- To purchase student transportation vehicles
- To purchase furniture and equipment
- To build or renovate schools
- To purchase or lease school sites
- To liquidate any indebtedness already incurred by the District



Isn't funding for school construction available from the Arizona School Facilities Board?

While the Arizona School Facilities Board (ASFB) has a legal obligation to pay for the construction of schools, the requirements are very strict. ASFB funding is subject to legislative appropriations, and requires a school district, with all schools combined, to exceed the design capacity district-wide by 20% within 3-years of the current year, for the entire elementary or high school grade range. It does not take into account the varied population density across the district or new home building projects that would impact capacity.

Will the School Facilities Board fund renovations?

The Arizona School Facilities Board has stopped providing an allocation to school districts for building maintenance, and has since moved to an Emergency Building Renewal program. This requires the building component or system to be at or near failure prior to ASFB funding it. This is problematic, as most components and systems don't fail when it's convenient, and therefore can interrupt the school day and interfere with student learning.

Does the district have any other funds that can be used on bond expenditures?

Dysart has approximately 50 different accounts for expenses. Each one has different rules and guidelines, and there are annual audits to ensure compliance.

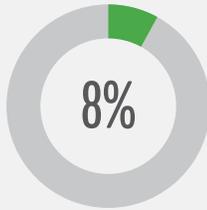
About 20% of these funds may be used for capital expenditures, and in Dysart, most of the funds are already being used for necessities like equipment for cafeterias and Career & Technical Education courses. There is not enough left to cover the total capital needs of the district, as capital funds were cut by nearly \$80 million over the last 10 years.

BOND FACTS 2019

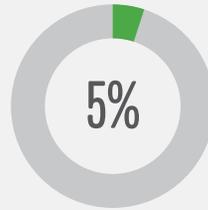
The Dysart Unified School District Governing Board has called for a **NOVEMBER 5**, all mail-in bond election. The bond program would be **\$152 MILLION** to fund safety and security upgrades, technology, school renovations, buses, land for a new high school, and construction of two elementary schools. To learn more visit dysart.org/Election



School/Site Improvements
(Including safety, security, technology, and renovations)



Buses



Land for Future High School



Construction of Two Elementary Schools



ALL MAIL-IN ELECTION

\$10.88

MONTHLY BOND TAX IMPACT

BOND TAX IMPACT

based on average assessed home value of \$153,580

HOW WILL THE BOND IMPACT DYSART STUDENTS?

District capital funds have been cut by nearly \$80 million in the last 10 years, and with the funding not restored for an additional four years, that number is expected to grow to \$95 million by the end of fiscal year 2022. It has been 13 years (2006) since the last voter supported bond election (\$190 million).

If approved, the bond will provide:

- ✓ Safety and security upgrades
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Building renovations & improvements
- ✓ School-based signature program needs
- ✓ New buses to replace an aging fleet
- ✓ Land and facilities for growth



Dysart Unified School District • November 5, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 7 • Last Day to Register to Vote
Mail-in Ballots Due November 5 • Election Day

OVERRIDE FACTS 2019

Proposed Continuation of 15% override: No Tax Increase

The Governing Board has called for a **November 5**, all mail-in override election. The Maintenance and Operations (M&O) override allows voters to approve additional funding for operational expenses. In Dysart, a 15% maintenance and operation override has been in place since 2000.

How will the override impact Dysart Students?



Why doesn't the district use bond funds for the needs funded by the override?

Arizona state statute dictates how various funds can be spent by school districts. The district is not permitted to use bond funds for salaries and benefits, programs, or training.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 • Last Day to Put Ballot in Mailbox
Mail-in Ballots Due November 5 • Election Day



DYSART **SIGNATURE** PROGRAMS:



ASANTE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Accelerated Learning Signature Program

Asante accelerates growth by helping each student progress at an individual pace and depth of learning. Students use collaboration and Design Thinking to address real-world challenges, and 8th graders have the option to earn high school credit. If approved, the bond will provide Asante students with:

- Safety and Security upgrades
- Design Center with 3D printers, poster maker, & publishing equipment
- Technology
- Furniture to support alternative seating



ASHTON RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Design Signature Program

Design encompasses everything we do, and Ashton Ranch is leading students to design their future through our new Signature Program. Learning and participating in the design process provides lasting benefits that students can utilize to navigate through every stage of their lives. If approved, the bond will provide Ashton Ranch students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Building renovations
- Design Center and equipment
- Flexible furniture



CANYON RIDGE SCHOOL

STEM Signature Program

The STEM program aims to inspire the innovators of tomorrow through an interdisciplinary and applied approach to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Daily STEM experiences are incorporated through technology, programs, and problem-solving activities. If approved, the bond will provide Canyon Ridge students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Outdoor classroom, seating & shade
- Classroom upgrades (i.e. interactive technology, innovative student work spaces)
- STEM modules and equipment, engineering resources, robotics
- New stage lighting and sound system
- Athletic facilities & equipment



CIMARRON SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sustainable Engineering Signature Program

Students learn about Sustainable Engineering to understand how communities can come together to solve the challenges of today with consideration for generations to come. If approved, the bond will provide Cimarron Springs students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Technology upgrades (including stage A/V)
- Building enhancements (aesthetics, furniture, arts areas, cafeteria, band room)
- Additional equipment to support Arts & Athletics
- Outdoor improvements (shade, field updates, garden)
- Learning spaces for a marketplace, collaboration, and outdoor learning

Each school is developing a signature program to respond to the needs of their community. Learn about all programs and how the bond would impact each individual school throughout the following pages.



COUNTRYSIDE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mass Communications Signature Program

Countryside students explore multiple pathways to learn about a variety of future careers through the Mass Communications Signature Program. If approved, the bond will provide Countryside students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Media production spaces
- Professional mass communications technology
- Additional equipment to support Arts and Athletics



DYSART

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Community Leadership Signature Program

Dysart Elementary empowers all students as community leaders who apply their learning to identify and solve community-wide concerns. If approved, the bond will provide Dysart Elementary students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Furniture updates in learning spaces
- Technology additions and upgrades
- Building enhancements
- Additional equipment to support Arts and Athletics



EL MIRAGE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Health & Wellness Signature Program

El Mirage Elementary is dedicated to helping each student develop a healthy mind and body. Through health and wellness experiences, college preparation, and physical fitness, students will achieve their full potential and learn life-long skills for success. If approved, the bond will provide El Mirage students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Field improvements for athletics and outdoor activities
- Outdoor learning spaces (garden, picnic tables, bleachers)
- Equipment for sports & strength training
- Classroom furniture updates for flexible use and wellness
- Media studio and equipment



FREEDOM

TRADITIONAL ACADEMY

Traditional Signature Program

Accelerated learning and back-to-basics instruction is provided in a traditional environment where students work one year ahead in Saxon math, and use Spalding methods for language arts. Character education, patriotism and citizenship are also areas of strong focus. If approved, the bond will provide Freedom students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Building improvements
- Musical instruments
- Field improvements
- Outdoor improvement (picnic tables, shade)
- Stage improvements



KINGSWOOD

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Coding Signature Program

Kingswood ensures students have access to advanced technology in collaborative learning environments, and provides coding opportunities for all grade levels. If approved, the bond will provide Kingswood Elementary students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Outdoor facility improvements
- Furniture updates in learning spaces
- Technology additions and upgrades
- Building enhancements



LUKE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Leadership Signature Program

Luke Elementary is focused on creating leaders. Students gain an understanding of civic duty, technological innovation, effective communication and service-minded leadership, as they practice loyalty, excellence, achievement and discipline in all areas of life. If approved, the bond will provide Luke Elementary students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Furniture updates in learning spaces
- Technology additions and upgrades, including a makerspace
- Building enhancements
- Arts and Athletics equipment



MARLEY PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Young Entrepreneurs Signature Program

By partnering with local businesses, students learn the tools and tactics to successfully create, market and sell products or services. Through teamwork, leadership and collaboration students will acquire real-world business skills for a successful future. If approved, the bond will provide Marley Park students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Learning spaces for a marketplace, collaboration, and outdoor learning
- Technology for student media productions
- Outdoor improvements (shade, garden, field updates)
- Furniture updates to increase flexibility



MOUNTAIN VIEW

SCHOOL

STEAM Signature Program

Mountain View is an AdvancED S.T.E.A.M. certified school. In all content areas, students learn to use the Engineering Design Process to solve real-world problems, and then design and evaluate their solutions. If approved, the bond will provide Mountain View students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Building improvements, including new flooring
- Makerspace updates and S.T.E.A.M. equipment
- Outside classroom space
- Classroom updates, furniture & technology
- Audio and visual improvements



RANCHO GABRIELA

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

College & Career Exploration Academy

Rancho Gabriela is an A+ School of Excellence focused on continued academic achievement. With a focus on lifelong learning, students at Rancho Gabriela participate in engaging experiences to prepare them for college and career success. If approved, the bond will provide Rancho Gabriela students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Furniture updates in learning spaces
- Technology additions and upgrades
- Building enhancements
- Additional equipment to support Arts and Athletics



RIVERVIEW

SCHOOL

Civic-Minded Leadership Signature Program

Riverview is creating leadership opportunities to enhance student understanding of self leadership, community leadership and global leadership. Students are given leadership opportunities where they can pursue their passions. If approved, the bond will provide Riverview students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Building improvements, including community leadership room
- Upgraded furniture in learning spaces
- STEM equipment, 3D printers, lab and robotics updates
- Outdoor improvements, including learning areas and shade
- Art and music equipment & instruments



SONORAN HEIGHTS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Active Mind & Body Signature Program

Students at Sonoran Heights are active in mind and body as they experience personalized learning environments focused on student strengths, needs and interests with an emphasis on healthy activities and relationships. If approved, the bond will provide Sonoran Heights students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Classroom updates (flexible furniture, technology)
- Collaborative shared workspaces for student projects
- Building improvements
- Arts enhancements (kiln, music/AV equipment)
- Field updates, sports equipment, & strength training studio



SUNSET HILLS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Arts Signature Program

Sunset Hills is a creative community where we educate the whole child by infusing the arts into every part of our lives. Students experience the arts in connection with academic content, fine arts, communication arts, and the connection between art and athletics. If approved, the bond will provide Sunset Hills students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Building improvements for performances & media production
- Technology (classroom A/V & devices, performance areas)
- Aesthetic facility improvements
- Outdoor performance area



SURPRISE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Science & Technology Signature Program

All Surprise Elementary students learn coding as a way to engage in a language that communicates and teaches logical thinking. Students are learning about emerging technology, design thinking, and social innovation to impact their communities. If approved, the bond will provide Surprise Elementary students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Outdoor facility improvements
- Furniture updates in learning spaces
- Technology additions and upgrades
- Building enhancements



THOMPSON RANCH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

STEAM Signature Program

Thompson Ranch is preparing students for the opportunities of tomorrow by engaging them in authentic, open-ended STEAM investigations that connect with real life and promote problem solving, critical thinking, and collaboration. If approved, the bond will provide Thompson Ranch students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Furniture updates in learning spaces
- Technology and A/V upgrades and STEAM equipment
- Building enhancements, including designated Band Room
- Outdoor classroom, seating & shade
- Athletic facilities & equipment



WEST POINT

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Arts Academy Signature Program

West Point inspires unique learners and leaders through the Arts Academy. K-8 students gain experience in performing arts and fine arts, as well as other creative areas such as coding, animation and broadcasting. If approved, the bond will provide West Point students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Outdoor performance area (lights, shade)
- Facility improvements (arts facilities, risers, wall murals)
- Technology (A/V equipment, creative arts software devices)
- Musical instruments and sheet music



WESTERN PEAKS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Innovation Signature Program

At Western Peaks, our students are innovators. We are developing empowered learners who are solution-oriented and create change by fostering empathy and creativity. Technology is leveraged to create content, communicate voice, publish work, and connect globally. If approved, the bond will provide students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Collaborative learning spaces with flexible furniture
- Video production studio & equipment
- Building improvements, including expandable learning spaces
- Technology (A/V, robotics)
- Outdoor improvements, including rubber playground surface



DYSART

HIGH SCHOOL

Future-Focused

Dysart High School is future-focused. Digital Photography and Automotive Technology are offered exclusively. Additionally, we offer Marketing, Graphic Design, Network Technologies, Film & TV Production, and Sports Med. The AVID program helps students develop skills for college. If approved, the bond will provide Dysart High students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Athletic facility updates, including turf, bleachers, restrooms
- Building improvements
- Auditorium updates (seating, flooring, A/V)
- College and career student center
- Technology & Furniture updates



SHADOW RIDGE

HIGH SCHOOL

H.O.M.E.

Shadow Ridge is HOME to a community of learners where we inspire student excellence. Architectural Design and Engineering are signature programs and compliment other CTE offerings such as Marketing, Software & App Design, Graphic Design, Digital Communications, Sports Med, and Animation. If approved, the bond will provide students with:

- Safety, security & communication upgrades
- Building improvements, including marquee
- Classroom updates/learning spaces
- Auditorium upgrades, including flooring, ticket booth, A/V
- Musical instruments and band uniforms
- Athletic facility updates, including turf



VALLEY VISTA

HIGH SCHOOL

Your Place. Your Purpose.

Valley Vista's campus is all about "Your Place. Your Purpose." All students are welcomed as part of a diverse and inclusive community, where there are options for all interests. Three CTE programs that are unique are Law & Public Safety, Fire Science, and Culinary Arts. Valley Vista also offers the AVID program to help students develop skills for college. If approved, the bond will provide students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Building improvements, including updated marquee and shade
- Athletic facility improvements, including turf, sand volleyball courts, restrooms
- Performing Arts Center remodel and updates
- Band uniforms



WILLOW CANYON

HIGH SCHOOL

Winning Culture

Willow Canyon is committed to developing a Winning Culture. Laboratory Assisting is a program unique to the school, and we also offer Marketing, Coding, Graphic Design, Film & TV Production and Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation. International Baccalaureate and Cambridge International is also available. If approved, the bond will provide Willow Canyon students with:

- Safety & Security upgrades
- Athletic facility improvements, including turf, gym, restrooms
- Classroom improvements, including A/V, furniture, flexible use spaces
- Auditorium improvements, including orchestra pit, audio enhancements

SPORTS SCHEDULE 2019

We love to see our community cheering on our student athletes! We hope you'll join us for an upcoming event. Schedules and scores are posted on dysart.org



DYSART HIGH SCHOOL

Football (Games @7pm)

October 4 - Combs @ Dysart (Homecoming)

October 25 - Cortez @ Dysart

Volleyball (Games @6pm)

October 2 - Lake Havasu @ Dysart

October 10 - Cortez @ Dysart

October 22 - Washington @ Dysart

October 24 - Glendale @ Dysart

SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Football (Games @7pm)

October 4 - Maryvale @ SRHS (Homecoming)

October 18 - La Joya Community @ SRHS

Volleyball (Games @6pm)

October 3 - Copper Canyon @ SRHS

October 10 - Tolleson @ SRHS

October 24 - Valley Vista @ SRHS

October 29 - Westview @ SRHS

VALLEY VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

Football (Games @7pm)

October 4 - La Joya @ VVHS (Homecoming)

October 25 - Shadow Ridge @ VVHS

Volleyball (Games @6pm)

October 2 - Tolleson @ VVHS

October 22 - Shadow Ridge @ VVHS

October 28 - La Joya @ VVHS

October 29 - Copper Canyon @ VVHS

WILLOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL

Football (Games @7pm)

October 4 - Independence @ WCHS

(Homecoming)

October 25 - Millenium @ WCHS

November 1 - Verrado @ WCHS

Volleyball (Games @6pm)

October 8 - Millenium @ WCHS

October 22 - Barry Goldwater @ WCHS

October 23 - Verrado @ WCHS

October 28 - Williams Field @ WCHS

ARTS SCHEDULE 2019

Enjoy a night out! We have such talented students in our many art programs. Come and check out their work. Email arts@dysart.org for event or art program information.



THEATRE

October 10-12, 7pm - SRHS Musical: Band Geeks the Musical
October 24-26, 7pm - DHS Play: Night of Screams
November 7-8, 7pm, November 9, 2pm - VVHS Musical: Ronald Dahl's Willy Wonka
November 14, 7pm - WCHS One Act Play: And
December 13-14, 7pm - SRHS Play: Almost, Maine

CHOIR

October 4, 6:30 pm - DHS Winter Choir Concert
October 5, 11am/4pm - District Festival of Choirs, VVHS
November 15-16, 7pm - VVHS Fall Choir Concert
December 12, 7pm - SRHS Winter Choir Concert

DANCE

December 4-6, 7pm - SRHS Winter Dance Show
December 4-6, 7pm - WCHS Fall Dance Show
December 11-13, 7pm - DHS Winter Dance Show
December 12-13, 7pm - VVHS Fall Dance Concert

INSTRUMENTAL

October 28, 6:30 pm - District Marching Band Jamboree
December 4, 6:30 pm - DHS Winter Band Concert
December 5, 7pm - VVHS Winter Band Concert
December 10, 7pm - SRHS Winter Band Concert
December 11, 7pm - WCHS Winter Band Concert

SAVE THE DATE

Dysart's second annual Festival of the Arts will be held on March 28, 2020 from 10am to 2pm at Valley Vista High School. The event is FREE and open to the public!

***** ECRWSS **

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ALL MAIL-IN ELECTION

Are you registered to vote? You must be registered by October 7 to vote in the November election. Register online at servicearizona.com/VoterRegistration. If you're registered to vote, you'll receive a ballot in the mail in early October. Simply mark your selections, seal the ballot in the envelope provided, and mail it in.

Mail-in ballots are due by Tuesday, November 5. Make sure you have your ballot in the mail by Friday, November 1 to ensure it arrives in time, or drop it off on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, in a ballot box. As a convenience to the community, the Maricopa County Recorder's Office has provided a ballot box where you can securely drop off your ballot in person at the Dysart Education Center, located at 15802 N. Parkview Place, Surprise, AZ 85374.

VOTE!

Receive A Tax Credit For Supporting Schools!

Did you know that you can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for donating to a Dysart school? Arizona law allows married couples filing jointly to claim up to \$400 and individual taxpayers to claim up to \$200 when they contribute to extra-curricular activities or testing fees in public schools. You do not have to be a parent of a child in school to benefit from this program. Donate or get details online at dysart.org/TaxCredit or call 623-876-7056.

