

SCED#28 Property Tax Increase

We would like to explain why the district had to increase property taxes:

- **We understand any increase affects our community, and we truly regret the impact it may have on our families and residents.**
- Just like household living expenses continue to rise, the school district's costs do as well. Utilities, supplies, and daily operational expenses do not wait or decrease over time.
- The increase is **not** for salary raises or additional benefits. The funds are strictly for keeping the school operating day to day.
- The district followed all required state legislative protocols through the Truth in Taxation process.
- **The proposal was reviewed and approved by:**
 - The School Governing Board, July 2025
 - Santa Cruz County officials, August 2025
 - The Arizona Truth in Taxation Commission, August 2025
- Public hearings were held in **July 2025**, and the community was invited to participate:
 - **Notices were published in the *Nogales International* newspaper.**
 - Information was posted on the district website.
 - Unfortunately, no community members attended those meetings.
- Despite the lack of attendance, the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback was available and properly announced.
- The decision was made to ensure the school can continue to operate and serve students and families as it always has.
- **Our school is a cornerstone of the community, and maintaining daily operations is essential to continuing that service.**
- We apologize for any hardship this may cause and appreciate the community's understanding as we work to keep the school open and functioning.