



Governor Ducey's Classrooms First Initiative Council: Thoughts on the Findings.

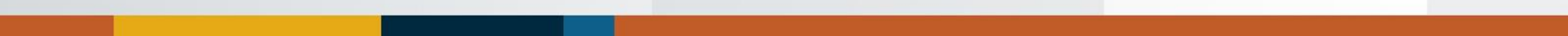
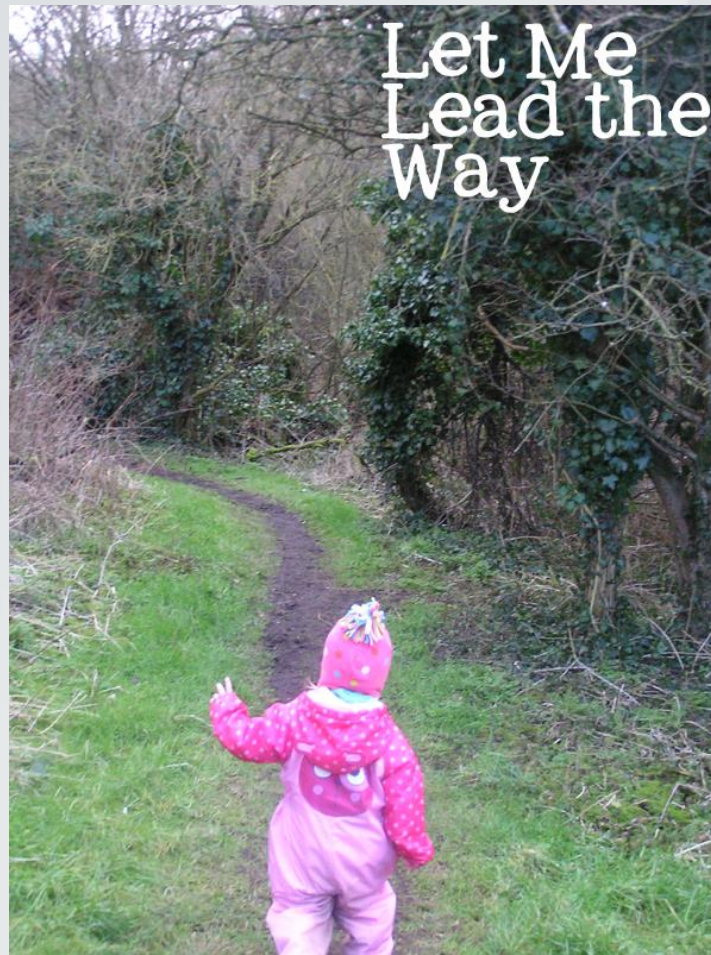
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Three Big Goals:

- Grow what is excellent. ASAP.
- The new formula should support any student attending any public school equitably and should make teaching salaries our highest priority. The right formula will do both.
- Statewide tax support for all students is simple, predictable, and equitable.

Grow Excellence: Don't Make the Willing Wait.



A shared formula with achievement weights will attract excellence, that will then attract excellence, that will then...you get it.



This we know: “Backpacked” funding puts dollars closest to students and teachers.



Keeping things as they are – in a system that pits schools against each other – is always Option One.



But if we do it right...





A simplified and central collection of taxes to support students will be stronger and more equitable.

Tax complexity is rarely in service of equity.



None of this will be easy, but the answers are not that complicated.





We think it's worth the pain ahead.
Thank You.

