

# Historic Win as Arizona Voters Say Yes to Proposition 208

## *A Win for Students, A Win for the Economy and Overwhelming Support for Teachers*

(PHOENIX, AZ) In a historic win, Arizona voters pass Proposition 208.

Proposition 208 restores hundreds of millions of dollars in K-12 education funding to solve the teacher shortage crisis, lower class sizes, hire aides and counselors, and expand career and technical education.

“Arizona’s 1.2 million K-12 public education students are the big winners tonight. By passing Proposition 208, Arizona voters said yes to our state’s students and their future,” said Amber Gould, Chairwoman of Yes on 208 – Invest in Education. “As a teacher and the Chairwoman of Yes on 208, I am incredibly grateful to everyone who voted yes on Proposition 208. Thank you for your trust and support.”

Proposition 208 was placed on the November ballot by a partnership of leading education organizations including the Arizona Education Association, Stand for Children – Arizona, The Arizona Center for Economic Progress, **Valley Interfaith Project** and Children’s Action Alliance.

“Our coalition of educators, parents and public education supporters carried the Red for Ed torch across the finish line today. By voting Yes on 208, Arizona voters made it loud and clear they want teachers to be

compensated properly and have the resources needed to successfully educate their students,” said Joe Thomas, President of the Arizona Education Association.

“Proposition 208 represents much needed change in Arizona that will create educational and economic opportunities for those who need it most. This inseparable connection was highlighted throughout our campaign’s messaging. Strong schools mean a stronger economy. Voters overwhelmingly agreed,” said Rebecca Gau, Executive Director at Stand for Children Arizona.

“Economic studies continue to show the keys to improving Arizona’s business climate and economy are increased funding for Arizona’s K-12 public education system and developing a more skilled workforce. The Invest in Education Initiative was crafted to do just that and I am proud Arizona voters agreed,” said David Lujan, Director of The Arizona Center for Economic Progress.