



## Arizona State Board of Education

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# Statement from Arizona State Board of Education on HB 2620

**PHOENIX (May 11)** -- The Arizona State Board of Education (SBE) commends the Legislature as HB 2620 was finalized last Wednesday and sent to Governor Doug Ducey's office for enactment.

HB 2620 settles two ongoing lawsuits between the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and SBE by allowing the SBE to retain and supervise its own employees while agreeing to transfer the Investigative Unit to ADE under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

See below for statements from board members:

"The central mission and goal of SBE is to craft and create solid and meaningful policy that appropriately raises the bar for Arizona's education community and ensures readiness for 21<sup>st</sup> Century careers irrespective of post-graduation plans," said SBE Vice-President Reginald M. Ballantyne III. "The enactment of HB2620 refocuses us on what is essential in K-12 education – learned students. I applaud the efforts of the governing leaders involved in securing passage of this important legislation."

"All parties should be commended for their efforts and for putting the needs of Arizona's kids and schools first," SBE member County Superintendent Tim Carter said. "I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with ADE in support of better policies, better schools, better teachers and better administrators throughout Arizona."

"I am very supportive of this solution and glad that we can continue to collaboratively focus on policy matters with ADE," noted SBE public member Jared Taylor.

"It is with deep appreciation that I thank the Governor, Legislative Leadership and ADE for a solution that ensures the State Board of Education can focus on the responsibility of setting policies that provide Arizona's children with the best opportunities for success," SBE President Greg Miller concluded.

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