



School Participatory Budgeting

An innovative civic learning process

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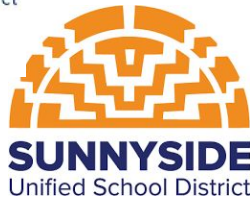
Mission

The Center for the Future of Arizona
brings Arizonans together to build a
stronger and brighter future for our state.

SPB in AZ

- **2013:** Bioscience High School
- **2016:** Phoenix Union District-wide adoption
- **2023:** 70,000+ **K-12** students in 62 schools across 10 districts

2023-24 Implementing Partners



National Pioneer: School Participatory Budgeting in Phoenix



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT

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How SPB Works

Design the PROCESS



School communities design the process: allocate the budget, define the timeline, and determine process parameters like types of eligible projects

Brainstorm IDEAS



Students propose ideas to improve the school community

Develop PROPOSALS



Students transform ideas into proposals by conducting research on cost and feasibility

Cast a VOTE



Students deliberate on viable proposals, discuss their pros and cons, and vote on proposals to select winning projects

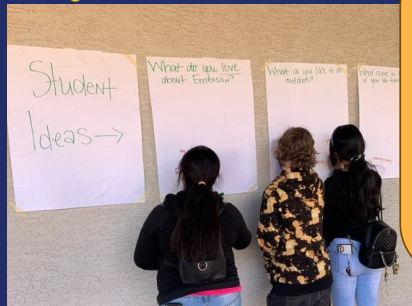
Fund Winning PROJECTS



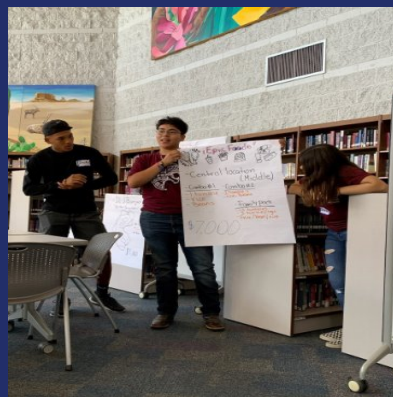
Winning projects are funded and implemented

Why School Participatory Budgeting?

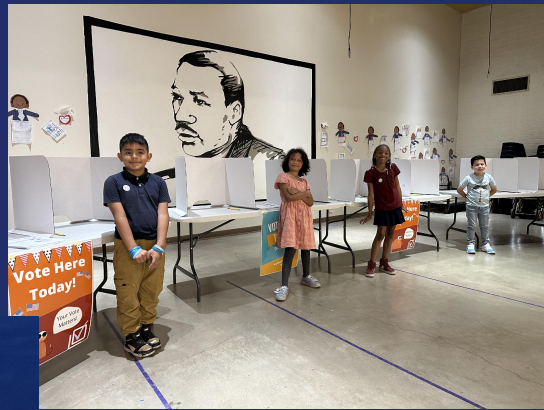
- Empower Student Leadership
- Facilitate Civics Learning, contributing to Seal of Civics Literacy for HS Students
- Increase Student Ownership in School Community
- Foster Sense of Responsibility and Belonging
- Build Essential Civic Competencies and Skills
- Address Civic Opportunity Gap



"The initiative is helping us to create an environment that nurtures leadership in our students, promotes civic engagement, and builds community throughout every school within our district."
- Superintendent, 2017



SPB Empowers Student Leadership and Service



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