

**CREIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE REDISTRICTING/UNIFICATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE GREATER PHOENIX METROPOLITAN AREA**

Be It Hereby Resolved:

- The Creighton School District Governing Board is opposed to unification and consolidation efforts of the Redistricting Commission of the Arizona State Legislature.
- Unification and consolidation of school districts in the State of Arizona must be initiated through local efforts that give communities local control.
- The redistricting commission has presented no materials to prove there is a basis in research to support the unification or consolidation of school districts will positively influence student achievement.
- This Governing Board opposes the disruption to the delivery of curriculum to the students of our district.
- This Governing Board opposes the disruption to the lives of all the families and the community as a whole in our school district.
- The Governing Board opposes the disruption of the work effort of our teachers and staff in delivering curriculum to the students of our district.
- The negative impact on the business practices of delivering curriculum can be foreseen.
- The history and longevity of School Districts has been ignored.
- The Communities around school district and the organizations that support them: churches, clubs, fraternal organizations are ignored in the process.
- The size and culture of the districts and their responsiveness to their communities is overlooked.
- The random reorganization ignores the similar and dissimilar elements of schools and communities and how they are combined.
- The mandatory consideration of unification and consolidation forces decision making on a community. It forces the community to bear the cost of the election and the cost to properly inform the community of the issues.
- The time frame for community education is less time than the commission has had to consider the issue. The local community must be given a direct voice in this issue and be allowed to testify after the plan has been presented and long before a vote will occur. Local officials must be allowed to weigh in on the measure without restrictions.
- This process ignores the unfair burden placed upon school districts in being able to disseminate information that dramatically affects the future of the district and its community.

- Good practices of mergers require funding and resources to be dedicated to that effort in order for that effort to be successful and we will be provided with neither.
- We question the legality of transference of a local tax rate based upon Bond and Override elections.
- Different salary and benefit packages must be reconciled between districts.
- District grants must be reconciled between different districts in combined district configurations. Who will pay for legal opinions and legal work required to meet the laws?
- The disruption will undermine the morale of the district, its employees and student families at a time when we have enough uncertainty. This will affect our ability to staff our schools and keep personnel as a whole in the field of education.