

Education Forward Arizona

Arizona Mayors Education Roundtable

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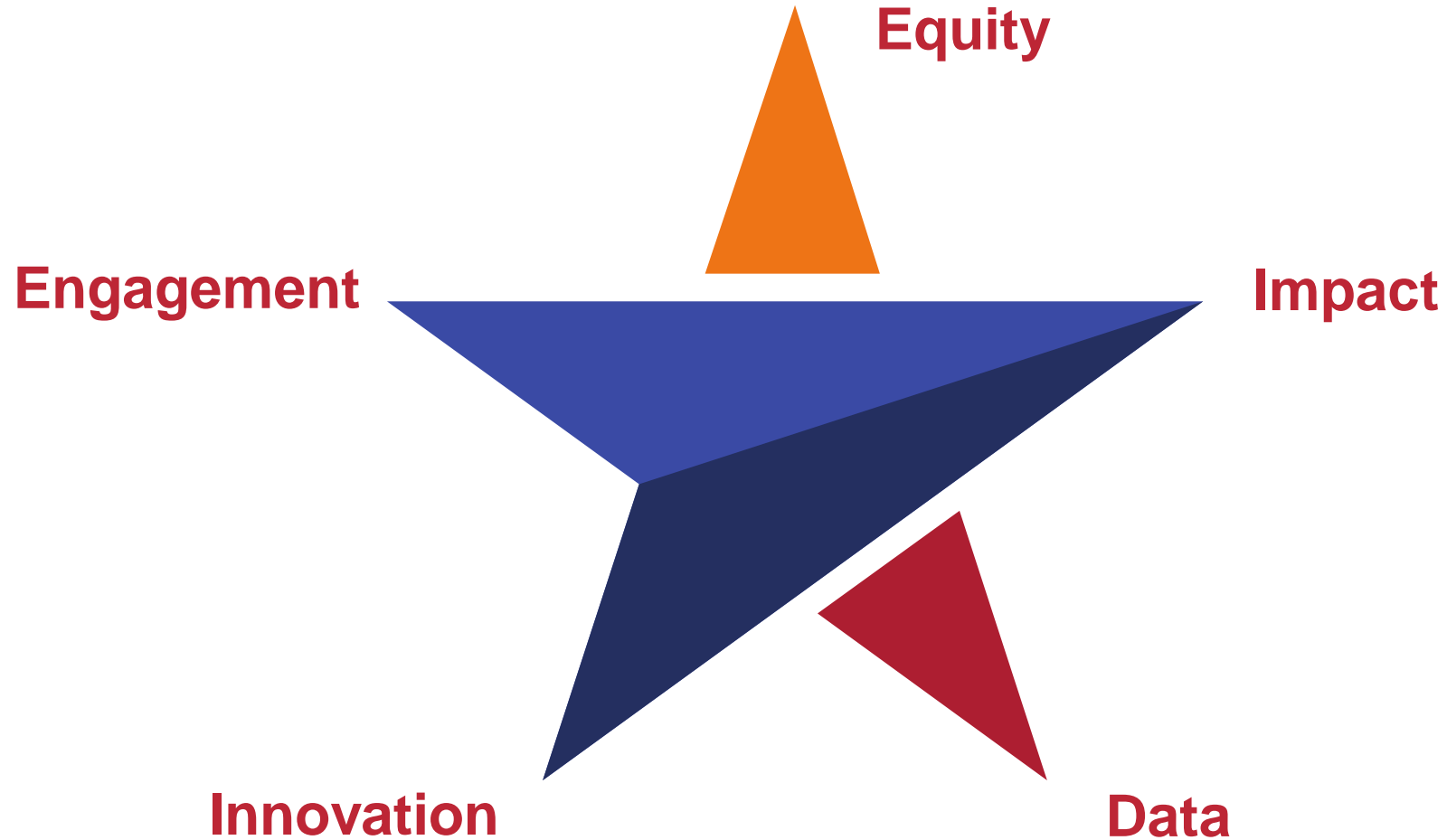
Brings together and builds upon Achieve60AZ, College Success Arizona & Expect More Arizona

What We've Heard from a Robust Community Listening Tour:

- Bold actions are needed now; incrementalism is not enough
- All students must have a fair shot at success
- A stronger connection must be made for the public from education to the workforce, economy and quality of life
- A shared set of priorities is needed for P-20 education



Guiding Principles





***To move Arizona forward, we must
move education forward.***



Mission

To advocate for and act on education improvements that advance the quality of life for all Arizonans





Goals

1. **Galvanize support for improved outcomes on Education Progress Meter indicators**
2. **Reach the statewide attainment goal by 2030**, starting with early learning and working through an aligned P20 continuum
3. **Ensure all students have a fair shot at success**
4. **Advocate for state-level funding** that is allocated more intentionally to those most in need



Arizona Education Progress Meter

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING



Percent of 3- and 4-year-old children that are in quality early learning settings.

3RD GRADE READING



Percent of 3rd grade students who scored proficient or highly proficient on the AzMERIT English language arts assessment.

8TH GRADE MATH



Percent of 8th grade students who are prepared to be successful in high school math.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



Percent of high school students who graduate in 4 years.

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH



Percent of 16-24 year olds NOT going to school or working.

POST HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



Percent of high school graduates enrolled in postsecondary education the semester after graduating high school.

ATTAINMENT



Percent of Arizona residents age 25-64 who have completed a 2- or 4-year degree or received an industry certificate.

MEDIAN ELEMENTARY TEACHER PAY



Arizona's ranking compared to other states for median elementary teacher pay, adjusted for cost of living.*

Co-Developed by:

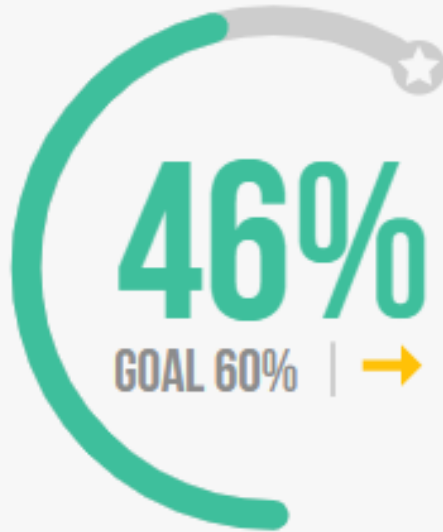
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Achieve60AZ Goal Drives our Work

60% Attainment by 2030



ATTAINMENT

Percent of Arizona residents 25-64 years of age who have completed a 2- or 4-year degree or received a postsecondary certificate.

- 1 million more credentials needed
- Our role:
 - Driving policy and funding
 - Collecting/sharing data
 - Achieve60AZ Alliance
 - Providing scholarships and mentoring to students
 - Supporting local action teams





What's Different

By joining forces, we are:

- Combining our policy and program expertise to solve big challenges impacting student progress
- Scaling up innovative programs across the state that serve primarily low-income students
- Focusing on equity and closing achievement gaps
- Adding capacity to the work in pursuit of the Achieve60AZ goal





Our Work

P-20, statewide

- **VOICE** - Create a shared voice for P-20 education statewide
- **PROGRAMS** - Implement and scale innovative programs to serve students
- **POLICY** - Advance bold policies and funding



Organizational Leadership



Richard Daniel, Ph.D.,
EVP and Chief
Operating Officer



Erin Hart,
SVP and Chief of Policy
& Community Impact



Diana Bejarano Figueroa,
SVP, Marketing,
Communications &
Strategic Initiatives





Voice for P-20 Education

Our Role:

- Building awareness and support of priority education issues
- Positioning Education Forward Arizona as the state's trusted source of effective education messaging
- Elevating the connection between education and the economy & quality of life



Innovative Programs

Students



Counselors & School Staff





Policy Priorities

Advancing the Achieve60AZ Attainment Goal, P-20

- P-20 Education Funding
- Teacher & workforce shortages (K-12 and early ed)
- Increase access and opportunity to complete a postsecondary degree or credential
- Increase access to early learning & literacy development





Policy Projects

Priority Projects:

- Creating a shared agenda to drive the Education Progress Meter forward
- Elevating education as a priority with gubernatorial candidates
- Advancing priority policy issues & creating a network of advocates
- Expanding action teams across the state



Issues to Watch in 2022

State

- Changes to the Aggregate Expenditure Limit (district LEAs only)
- Expansion of Arizona Promise Program (ABOR)
- Dual enrollment
- P-20 funding – ABOR new economy initiative, CC funding
- Online preschool

Federal

- PreK and Pell Grant expansion (happening now with federal budget reconciliation)





Aggregate Expenditure Limit

- Impact of Prop 208 ruling makes Prop 301 funding subject to the limit for the first time
- Schools are projected to hit their spending limit in March 2022
- **\$1.2B** at risk
- Short-and-long-term fixes needed
 - Short-Term: Ability to exceed the limit for one year (requires 2/3 vote)
 - Long-Term: Is a spending limit needed? If so, what's the appropriate level?





Mayoral Engagement

- Support policies that ensure all students have a fair shot at success & move the needle on the Education Progress Meter goals
 - **Supporting the Aggregate Expenditure Limit solutions**
- Frame your community investments using the Arizona Education Progress Meter
- Invite us to present to others
- Models that work: Achieve Pinal; Mesa Education and Workforce Committee; Yuma Education and Advocacy Council





Thank You!

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Thank you!