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Important Information for  
Amphitheater School District's  
Homeowners concerning their  
2011-2012 Property Taxes

# The Arizona Republic has reported that the Legislature has shifted the financial burden for some school expenditures from the State to Homeowners

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## NEWS

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### Arizona homeowners face tax hike after move by Legislature

by Mary Jo Pitzl - Aug. 5, 2010 12:00 AM  
The Arizona Republic

Homeowners in numerous school districts statewide are going to end up with higher property-tax bills because of a little-noticed tax shift lawmakers approved in the state budget.

The shift, included in an education-budget bill, pushes \$70 million of the state's responsibility for school finance onto homeowners by limiting the "homeowner rebate" on annual tax bills. The rebate subsidizes part of the property tax that homeowners owe for education. The funding change made by the state will force school districts to raise their local taxes on homeowners to compensate.

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### Tax hike

A change in the state's education-finance system will increase taxes next year for homeowners in some school districts. Here is how much more some will pay for a home assessed at \$100,000:

- Phoenix Union High School District: \$34.98.
- Mesa Unified School District: \$18.21.
- Mobile Elementary School District in Maricopa: \$213.32.
- Roosevelt Elementary School District in Phoenix: \$62.38.
- Tucson Unified School District: \$78.32.
- Wilson Elementary School District in Phoenix: \$54.72.
- Higley Unified School District in Gilbert: 70 cents.

**Some districts won't see an increase:**

- Cave Creek Unified School District.
- Fountain Hills Unified School District.
- Scottsdale Unified School District.
- Saddle Mountain Unified School District in Tonopah.
- Sedona-Oak Creek Unified School District.

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## House Bill 2008 (7<sup>th</sup> Special Session 2010)

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- The changes made during 2010 Legislative Session that becomes effective this tax year will increase Homeowner taxes approximately \$70 million state-wide
- The estimated impact to Amphitheater School District homeowners is \$1.36 million. This shift decreases the state's expense and increases the local homeowner's tax bill.

Click below to see how your legislators voted on this bill

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# What does all this mean?

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The legislative changes will increase the tax bills for Owner Occupied property owners in Amphitheater School District.

Property owners may naturally assume that the school district had control over or made these tax changes. This is not true.

Property owners may also assume that the district's budget benefited from the tax increase. This is also not true. Even though local taxes will increase due to the legislature's actions, Amphitheater School District will not receive more funding. In fact, Amphitheater will have a significantly lower budget than the prior year.

Amphitheater's budget funded by the Primary Tax Levy is \$7,597,884 (9.6%) less than the prior year.

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## Primary Tax Rate Budget Components:

	2010-2011	2011-2012
Revenue Control Limit	\$74,370,912	\$69,204,062
Capital Outlay Revenue Limit	\$3,903,016	\$1,941,458
Soft Capital	\$528,425	\$78,192
Adjacent Ways Levy	\$322,750	\$303,507
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$79,125,103</b>	<b>\$71,527,219</b>

# Additional Information

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- This information was taken from a presentation to the Amphitheater Governing Board on August 9, 2011.
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The full presentation is available at:

<http://www.amphi.com/media/1065359/property%20taxation%20shifts.pdf>