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Argument Submitted to the Pima County School Superintendent, for Publication in the Voter Information Pamphlet Regarding the Tucson Unified School District No. 1 Special Election, November 7, 2017:

Borrowing money could seem enticing, especially for public education! However, when fully considering proposition 458 and taking into account history, you'll recognize manipulation and lack of accountability by TUSD.

The election alone costs TUSD \$1.2M.

This district withheld millions in funds from teachers for years; voters approved proposition 301, but the district didn't pay them all of their money. Fiscal mismanagement and mistrust in TUSD is well documented. TUSD already receives nearly **\$64 million annually, without voter approval**, in "desegregation" funds, despite consistent declines in TUSD enrollment, closures of schools, sales of properties and thirty nine years in federal court! TUSD recently submitted documents to the court, avowing compliance with facilities and transportation; this bond proposal is diametrically opposed to that assertion, demonstrating disingenuousness.

To descend deeper into debt is no viable solution to financial crisis.

This proposed bond would negatively impact TUSD residents, and constitute an even greater burden to businesses:

- Estimated total cost of the proposed bond, including interest, is **\$290,114,800**.
- We still have to pay **\$148,185,000** from the 2004 bond, plus interest!
- TUSD recently approved lease/purchase for thirty buses, with a **\$3,149,507** loan.

Continued borrowing only leads to further financial deterioration.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 458.

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