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Representative Maria Syms (R-28)

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Representative Maria Syms Applauds Enactment of Historic \$1.5 Billion Investment in Public Education

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Maria Syms (R-28) applauded the enactment of [HB 2663](#), the K-12 education budget bill that was passed by the House and Senate and signed into law by Governor Ducey today.

The budget implements Governor Ducey's 20x2020 plan, which provides school districts with \$982.4 million in new money over three years for an average 20% raise in teacher compensation by 2020 without raising taxes. The teacher compensation funding is included in the base level amount and is permanent, ongoing, and adjusted for inflation. The bill also includes, among other funding, \$503.4 million over three years to increase unrestricted additional assistance districts can use to fund their priorities, such as support staff, textbooks, technology, and school buses.

"As a mom of public school children, daughter of a public school teacher, and product of an excellent public school education myself, I value the substantial contribution our teachers make to our children, families, and the quality of life in our state," said Representative Syms. **"This historic investment shows our commitment to providing the resources needed to put Arizona teachers and children first."**

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