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Representative Cook Praises Pinal and Gila County Schools for Commitment to Teacher Pay Increase

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative David Cook (R-8) today applauded six school districts in Pinal and Gila County for their commitment to increasing teacher compensation. Most school district governing boards either have voted or will vote on teacher pay increases, which will capitalize on local efforts to do so in the past.

“School boards have immense responsibility in Arizona and have the best knowledge with which to make decisions for their schools,” said Representative Cook. **“I’m happy to see that the school districts in LD 8 are responding to the state budget by ensuring the money intended to increase teacher compensation is used for that purpose.”**

According to information provided by school districts in LD 8, several have begun implementing at least a 10% pay increase this year. Those districts include:

- Eloy Elementary School District - \$3,756 salary increases for teachers (avg. 11%)
- Coolidge Unified School District – 10% salary increase for teachers
- Maricopa Unified School District – 10% salary increase for teachers
- Miami Unified School District – \$2,000 base pay increase plus other salary schedule increases
- Casa Grande Unified School District – 18% salary increase for teachers

Most of these districts are also providing pay increases to classified and other personnel in the district.

“I am proud to have voted on the budget that provided these funds, and I am glad teachers will begin to see the effects in the next school year,” said Representative Cook.

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