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**First Name** Eric

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**Please type the topic or subject of your message:** Preschool Funding

**Your Message** (Please circulate to all supervisors and read at the Aug 18 meeting when Supervisor Cano's motion is considered)  
I speak in strong support of the motion to allocate additional funding for PEEPS. Kudos to Supervisor Cano for his vision and willingness to offset city cuts so children can be held harmless. If funds can be found, we all know that investing in quality Early Childhood Education has the highest ROI of any investment for preventing poverty and promoting prosperity. As a clinical psychologist and recently retired CEO of Child & Family Resources, I can assure you that providing the means for more preschoolers to enter Kindergarten ready to succeed is such an important use of resources  
Thank you

**Would you like a response?** No

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**Dustin J. Williams**  
Superintendent of Schools

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August 11, 2025

Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress Street  
Tucson, AZ 85701

RE: Support for the Pima Early Education Program (PEEPs)

Dear Chairman Scott and Members of the Board,

As the Pima County Superintendent of Schools, I am writing to express strong support for the Pima Early Education Program (PEEPs). This program is a proven investment in our community's future, providing young learners with access to high-quality preschool experiences that build the foundation for academic success, social development, and lifelong learning.

Across our county, educators see the impact of early childhood education every day. Children who have the opportunity to attend high-quality preschool arrive in kindergarten more prepared, more confident, and better equipped to thrive. PEEP's not only benefits these students, but also strengthens our schools, supports working families, and contributes to the long-term health of our economy.

As the cost of childcare continues to rise, the expansion of eligibility criteria within PEEP's will allow more families to access this essential resource. The County's continued investment—paired with collaboration among our cities, towns, and the business community—ensures that PEEP's can remain a stable, sustainable, and accessible program for years to come.

I commend the Board of Supervisors for its leadership in protecting and strengthening PEEP's, and I look forward to continued partnership in advancing educational opportunities for every child in Pima County.

With Gratitude,

Dustin J. Williams  
Pima County Schools Superintendent

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Please type the topic or subject of your message: PEEPS

Your Message  
Preschool education plays a crucial role in a child's development, providing a strong foundation in cognitive, social-emotional, and academic skills. Please vote yes on August 18th to extend PEEPS funding and if possible please expand PEEPS to even more students. PEEPS is important for kids, families, and the economic future of our community. High-quality early education is the proven, most effective intervention into generational poverty.

Would you like a response? Yes



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**Aliza Barraza**

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**From:** LaVonne Douville [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2025 1:09 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** PEEPs

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Honorable County Supervisors,  
I am one of thousands of Pima County residents who are grateful for the support you have given to PEEPs over the years! The difference your funding has made is truly significant.

As you make decisions about the critical services for County funding, please continue **and** expand your funding of scholarships for Pima County parents so they can afford to place their children in high-quality early education. Both the child's and parents' future will be greatly enhanced by your support and the entire community will benefit because of their success.

With gratitude,  
LaVonne Douville  
1314 N Bedford Pl  
Tucson, AZ 85715

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**Aliza Barraza**

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**From:** Diane Fellows <dfellows@cfraz.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2025 11:06 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support for PEEPS -- Investing in Our Children, Families, and Community's Future

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Dear Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the PEEPS program and to urge you to continue investing in high-quality early education for our community's children.

Research is clear and consistent—high-quality early education is the most effective and proven intervention to break the cycle of generational poverty. When children have access to strong early learning experiences, they are more likely to succeed academically, graduate from high school, secure good jobs, and contribute to a thriving local economy.

PEEPS is not just an education program—it is a lifeline for children and families. It provides working parents with the stability they need to stay in the workforce, supports children's social, emotional, and cognitive development during the most critical years of brain growth, and lays the foundation for future success in school and life.

Investing in early education is not a short-term expense—it is a long-term economic development strategy. For every dollar spent on high-quality early learning, our community sees a significant return through reduced costs in remedial education, public assistance, and the criminal justice system, along with increased tax revenues from a more skilled workforce.

By continuing to support and strengthen PEEPS, the Board will be making one of the most important investments possible—ensuring that Pima County's children and families have the tools they need to thrive, and securing the economic vitality of our region for generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,  
Diane Fellows

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## Diane Fellows

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*Child & Family Resources*



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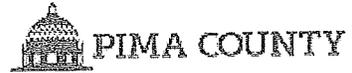
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Phone 5202501224

08/11/2025 11:07 AM

Please type the topic or subject of your message: Support for PEEPS – Investing in Our Children, Families, and Community's Future

Your Message Dear Supervisors,

High-quality early education is the most effective way to break the cycle of generational poverty—and PEEPS is delivering that impact right here in Pima County.

PEEPS gives children the foundation they need to succeed in school and life, helps parents remain in the workforce, and strengthens our future economy. The return on investment is clear: for every dollar spent, our community saves many more in reduced social costs and gains from a skilled, productive workforce.

Protecting and strengthening PEEPS is not just about education—it's about building a stronger, more prosperous Pima County for generations to come. I urge you to prioritize and invest in this vital program.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to our children, families, and economic future.

Sincerely,  
Diane Fellows  
CEO  
Child & Family Resources, Inc

Would you like a response? No

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Last Name Shapiro  
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State AZ  
Phone [REDACTED]

Please type the topic or subject of your message: PEEPS

Your Message Please allow the BOS to make up funding for the PEEPS program so that the same number of kids can attend. As a pediatrician, I know that early childhood education is a key to success in adult life.

Would you like a response? Yes

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First Name Jan

Last Name Dowling

Email [Redacted]

Please type the topic or subject of your message: PEEPS Funding

Your Message Please vote to renew PEEPS funding for the fiscal year 25-26. Its importance to the welfare of Pima County residents & future citizens can not be stressed enough. Thank you

Would you like a response? Yes

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**Gizelle Morales**

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**From:** Kathy Alexander [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2025 11:13 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** PEEPS Funding

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I urge the board to continue to support funding for the PEEPS program and to make sure at least a many young children are able to participate in this program as before.

This is the type of crucial program that we all know will pay great dividends and ultimately result in less need for other public-funded services in the future.

Kathy Alexander

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Please type the topic or subject of your message:    **Preschool funding**

Your Message                      Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,  
As a teacher of young children for over 40 years, I daily saw the importance of the availability of early learning experiences for students. Young children are curious and eager to learn. They also need the skills necessary to support and advance their success in school and to learn the basic social skills of cooperation, compromise, and compassion. Problem solving is essential at every stage of learning, beginning with the very young. Preschool education helps put all students on path for school success. Please vote in support of Preschool education for as many children as possible. Thank you.

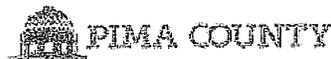
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Please type the topic or subject of your message: Supporting Peeps Call to the public August 18 2025

Your Message Please distribute:  
 Good morning Chair and Members of the Board,

My name is Elsa Peterson, and I'm here today to speak in strong support of the Pima Early Education Program Scholarships — PEEPS.

PEEPS is not just a scholarship program — it is a lifeline for children, families, and our community's future. High-quality early education is one of the most powerful investments we can make. It prepares children for kindergarten, supports working parents, and strengthens the local economy.

Because of PEEPS, children from low-income families are gaining the skills, confidence, and curiosity they need to succeed in school and in life. Parents are able to work, go to school, and contribute to our community knowing their children are in safe, enriching classrooms.

When funding is cut, we don't just lose seats in preschool — we lose opportunities. We risk leaving children behind at the very start of their educational journey. I'm grateful that Supervisor Cano is bringing forward a motion to hold PEEPS harmless this year, and I urge you to support it. Even more, I ask you to consider expanding PEEPS so more children can benefit.

Every child in Pima County deserves the foundation that high-quality early education provides — no matter their family's income or zip code. The return on investment is clear: better outcomes for kids, stronger families, and a healthier economy for us all.

Please protect and grow PEEPS. Our children's futures depend on it.

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Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the youngest members of our community.

Would you like a response?

Yes