



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 19, 2026

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner *Jan*
County Administrator

Re: **Southern Arizona Education Council (SAEC): Follow-up to August 11, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting and Additional Information for the August 25, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting**

This memorandum is a follow up to the discussion at the August 11, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting related to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/2027 contract for the Southern Arizona Education Council (SAEC) and additional information requested by the Board of Supervisors related to continuance of the item, including desired receipt of the SAEC FY 2025/2026 Annual Report and options for funding support from Pima County.

The SAEC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and a memorandum from Chief Executive Officer and President Rocque Perez are provided as Attachment 1. The information includes the following materials:

1. FY 2025/2026 Annual Report
2. FY 2025/2026 Pima County expenditure reports and invoices
3. FY 2025/2026 Financial Statement of Activity (Pending Review Prior to 990 Filing)
4. FY 2025/2026 Employee History
5. FY 2026/2027 Agreements and Confirmations (Arizona Board of Regents FAFSA Peer Coach Program Agreement, Southern Arizona College and Career Night Agreement, Teen Town Hall and 20 Under 20 Venue Confirmations)

The Annual Report and Mr. Perez's memorandum note the following activities over the last fiscal year:

- SAEC generated approximately \$298,000 in operating revenue.
- Postsecondary-access efforts included approximately 5,750 FAFSA completions in Pima County by May 1, 2026, representing a 20.3% year-over-year increase and potentially connecting students to an estimated \$21.3 million to \$42.5 million in federal need-based aid.

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- The Peer Coach Program, aligned with the Arizona Board of Regents, expanded from 23 to 61 coaches and from nine to 18 host schools. By year-end, 16 of the 18 participating schools reported increases in both FAFSA submissions and completions.
- SAEC expanded its regional education and civic-engagement role. The organization co-hosted the Southern Arizona College & Career Night, using new technology to track 1,441 attendee-to-exhibitor connections.
- It launched several civic empowerment initiatives, including the Tucson Democracy Forum, Local Advocacy Summit and Early Childhood Education Day, while continuing its annual Legislative Day.
- Its second Evening to Empower Ed brought together students, families, educators, public officials, postsecondary institutions and community partners to recognize educational leadership and celebrate the Peer Coach Program.
- Pima County and the City of Tucson formally approved the transition of the Metropolitan Education Commission into SAEC, creating a new framework for regional coordination, organizing and advocacy. SAEC also maintained staffing, programs and contractual responsibilities during an executive leadership transition.

Requested Additional Funding Options

In my August 5, 2026 [memorandum](#), I recommended renewing the contract with SAEC for a one-year period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at the current amount of \$122,000, with specified reporting and payment conditions as outlined in the memorandum.

In response to the Board of Supervisors request at the August 11, 2026, meeting, the following funding options are provided for Board consideration:

- Funding at the current amount of \$122,000.
- Funding at the current amount of \$122,000 with a restriction that funds be used for program expenses only, not personnel.
- Funding at \$19,580 equal to the City of Tucson's indicated allocation for FY 2026/2027.
- Funding at \$19,580 based on the City's allocation, with a commitment for Pima County to increase funding up to \$122,000 as a one-to-one match for documented new funding secured by SAEC above FY 2025/2026 amounts.

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Each of these options should be accompanied by the specified reporting and payment conditions outlined in the August 5, 2026 memorandum.

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Attachment

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Rocque Perez, CEO and President, Southern Arizona Education Council

ATTACHMENT 1



Date: August 12, 2026

Subject: Follow-Up to 8/11/26 Board Discussion Regarding Southern Arizona Education Council FY2026–2027 Contract

To: Honorable Pima County Board of Supervisors and County Administration

From: Rocque Perez 
Chief Executive Officer & President

This memorandum follows the Board of Supervisors' August 11, 2026 discussion and unanimous action to continue consideration of the Southern Arizona Education Council (SAZEC) FY2026–2027 contract to August 25.

The continuance provides an opportunity to supplement the record with:

1. Southern Arizona Education Council FY2025–2026 Annual Report
2. 2025-2026 Expenditure Reports and Invoices
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During the Board discussion, concern was expressed regarding perceived inconsistencies among the SAZEC's contract, reports, and other materials received by the Board. Materials prepared independently by County staff have not historically been reviewed by the SAZEC prior to their submission to the Board, so we welcome the chance to align collective reporting.

Much of the information consolidated in the FY2025–2026 Annual Report has already been provided through quarterly reports, memoranda, invoices, and ongoing communications. The annual report brings that information together, incorporates year-end data, and provides additional context and reconciliation where appropriate.

Pima County Funding and Use of Funds

The Board also discussed whether future County support should be restricted specifically to program costs. The SAZEC welcomes discussion regarding appropriate deliverables and the responsible use of public funds.

It's the position of SAZEC that discussion should recognize the historical purpose of County support and the personnel infrastructure necessary to deliver contracted programs. At its inception, Pima County support for the organization was structured through two separate contracts designated for the compensation of an Executive Director and a Program Coordinator. Over time, that public investment has increasingly been leveraged across both staffing and direct program activity.

The SAZEC's FY2025–2026 expenditure reports demonstrate that evolution. To provide the Board with a complete accounting, the attached compilation includes the Pima County Economic Development Outside Agency expenditure reports and invoices submitted during the contract year. Across the employee compensation line items reflected in those reports, \$52,222.98 of the \$122,000 County allocation was for personnel expenditure.

The remaining invoiced expenditures supported direct programs and the operating infrastructure necessary to deliver them, including FAFSA workshops and student incentives, civic-engagement activities, event expenses, transportation, occupancy, insurance, communications, technology, and other contractual costs.

The existing funding structure therefore already reflects substantial programmatic use of County dollars while maintaining the staffing necessary to organize and execute that work. Personnel and program expenses are not independent functions: staff recruit schools, coordinate counselors, administer incentives, manage agreements, organize events, maintain financial records, prepare required reports, support public-body responsibilities, and implement the programs themselves.

For the organization as a whole, FY2025–2026 expenditures included \$118,916.64 in personnel and \$98,256.93 in direct programs and services, within total expenditures of \$240,285.03. If the County elects to materially change the allowable use of its investment, I respectfully request that the scope of contracted deliverables and expectations be considered at the same time. Many of the enhanced deliverables contemplated for FY2026–2027 were requested by the SAZEC specifically to provide the County with a more complete and measurable account of our work, and those requirements themselves require staff capacity to fulfill.

City of Tucson Funding

The characterization of City of Tucson support during the August 11 discussion warrants clarification. During FY2025–2026, City support consisted of the SAZEC's recurring \$19,580 allocation through the City Manager's budget and an additional \$66,000 allocation, both approved by the Tucson Mayor and Council. Combined City support therefore totaled \$85,580 during the contract year.

Together, City and County investment allowed public funding to support a substantial portion of the SAZEC's operating infrastructure during FY2025–2026, while sponsorships, reimbursements, ticket revenue, foundation support, and other resources expanded program capacity and helped position the organization for the following fiscal year. Some outside

resources are restricted, designated, or committed through sponsorship arrangements for specific programs and therefore are not interchangeable with general operating support. The SAZEC intends to continue leveraging its relationship with the City of Tucson to pursue additional and sustained municipal investment. At the same time, we do not believe Pima County's level of support should be determined solely by the amount appropriated by another jurisdiction. The County's investment should instead be considered in relation to the services provided to Pima County students and communities, the scope of the County's partnership with the SAZEC, and the outcomes and contractual responsibilities associated with that investment.

Differences in the budgetary capacity, funding processes, or priorities of participating jurisdictions should not diminish the SAZEC's ability to provide countywide services or disrupt programs that depend upon Pima County's longstanding investment.

Financial Growth and Sustainability

The SAZEC's request for continued County investment should also be considered within the context of its broader financial trajectory.

Organizational revenue increased from \$165,687 in the 2023 filing to \$209,358 in the 2024 filing year. During FY2025–2026, operating revenue increased further to \$297,976.99. The SAZEC concluded FY2025–2026 with \$57,691.96 in net operating revenue and \$57,700.96 in total net revenue after interest income.

This growth reflects greater diversification, not increased dependence upon Pima County, as was requested by Supervisor Scott in 2024. Governmental investment is now complemented by nonprofit and business sponsorships, foundation support, individual contributions, work-study reimbursements, event revenue, and major program partnerships such as the Arizona Board of Regents agreement.

The result is an organization with greater program capacity, a broader funding base, and an increased ability to leverage public investment for residents throughout Pima County.

Existing FY2026–2027 Commitments

Historically, contract renewal has also occurred before completion of the final annual report for the preceding year. Based upon that customary timeline and the absence of an identified issue preventing renewal, the SAZEC adopted its FY2026–2027 budget and began implementation of the new program year.

- *FAFSA Peer Coach Program*

The SAZEC and Arizona Board of Regents have renewed their partnership through a two-year agreement. Peer Coach recruitment has begun and orientation is scheduled for September 14, 2026. Under the renewed agreement, ABOR will provide up to \$100,000 annually while the SAZEC provides up to \$28,160 annually, while the SAZEC assumes increased local implementation and coordination responsibilities.

- *Southern Arizona College & Career Night*
The regional event is scheduled for September 24, 2026, with venue contracts in place and exhibitor coordination already underway.
- *FAFSA Programming*
Regional FAFSA kickoff and completion programming will begin in October, building upon the gains recorded during the prior school year.
- *Teen Town Hall*
The SAZEC's Teen Town Hall is scheduled for November 16, 2026, with venue contracts and partner coordination already underway.

They are active commitments involving staff, school districts, counselors, students, venues, institutional partners, and community organizations.

August 25 Considerations

In advance of the continued item, SAZEC respectfully requests that:

1. The various attachments be included in the record considered by the Board;
2. Any proposal to restrict County funding specifically to direct program expenses account for the personnel and administrative capacity necessary to perform the contracted work and the corresponding effect on contractual deliverables; and
3. The SAZEC be afforded an opportunity at the August 25 meeting to speak to its performance and directly address questions before the Board takes action.

We also ask that the organization be evaluated on the entirety of its record, not targeted, intentional attempts to obscure the organization's demonstrated growth and service. FY2026–2027 service and commitments are already underway, and the SAZEC remains prepared to work with Pima County to resolve outstanding questions.

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Item #1
2025-2026 Annual Report



Date: August 12, 2026

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors and County Administration

Subject: Metropolitan Education Commission 2025-2026 Annual Report

Executive Summary:

Fiscal Year 2025–2026 represented a period of significant financial and program growth for the Southern Arizona Education Council (SAZEC). Over the course of the year, the organization substantially expanded its postsecondary-access work, strengthened regional education and civic-empowerment programming, introduced new systems for measuring participation and impact, diversified its financial support, maintained operational continuity, and advanced the evolution of the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC).

Among the year's principal developments:

- The SAZEC strengthened its financial foundation and organizational capacity. During FY2025–2026, the organization recorded \$297,976.99 in operating revenue, continuing a multi-year trajectory of growth from prior filings as SAZEC expanded its revenue base.
- In Pima County, FAFSA completion efforts demonstrated measurable regional progress. By May 1, 2026, approximately 5,750 FAFSA completions had been recorded countywide, representing an estimated year-over-year increase of 20.3%. These students are positioned to access an estimated range between \$21.3 million to \$42.5 million of federal need-based aid, depending on part or full time enrollment status.
- The Peer Coach Program entered a new phase through formal alignment with the Arizona Board of Regents, expanding from 23 to 61 Peer Coaches at the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year, from 9 to 18 host schools, and from 9 to 18 Peer Coach Advisors. By June 30, 16 of the 18 Peer Coach host schools recorded year-over-year increases in both FAFSA submissions and completions. The same applies to Sabino High, which hosted a pilot placement of a part-time College Readiness Associate.
- The SAZEC co-hosted the Southern Arizona College & Career Night in partnership with Tucson Unified School District and established a dedicated event website and utilized StriveScan to measure attendee-to-exhibitor connections. The platform recorded 1,441.
- Pima County and the City of Tucson formally approved the evolution of the Metropolitan Education Commission into the Southern Arizona Education Council, establishing a revised framework for regional coordination, organizing and advocacy.
- The SAZEC expanded its civic empowerment portfolio through the inaugural Tucson Democracy Forum, Local Advocacy Summit, and Early Childhood Education Day, and the continuation of its annual Legislative Day, creating opportunities for students, young professionals, educators, and community members to understand and engage with public policy and government.

- Evening to Empower Ed returned for its second year, bringing together students and parents, educators, school leaders, public officials, postsecondary institutions, and community partners while serving as the year-end culmination of the Peer Coach Program and recognition of leadership, excellence, and partnership.
- The SAZEC maintained organizational continuity during a transition in executive leadership. Following the appointment of its Chief Executive Officer to the Tucson City Council, the organization continued operations through an interim stewardship model while maintaining staffing, programs, and contractual responsibilities.

Taken together, FY2025–2026 reflected a transition from a comparatively narrow portfolio of established programs toward a broader regional model strategically connecting academic and civic empowerment programs. At the same time, the SAZEC strengthened its financial, operational, and governance infrastructure necessary to sustain this expanded role.

Peer Coach Program

For more than a decade, the SAZEC has operated the Peer Coach Program, engaging high school seniors as peer leaders who support classmates with Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion, postsecondary planning, and career exploration.

During the 2024–2025 school year, the program operated in partnership with Arizona Serve under Prescott College through an AmeriCorps model. By Spring 2025, however, Arizona’s postsecondary-access landscape was undergoing significant change, prompting the SAZEC and several statewide partners to reconsider how college-access services could be sustained, coordinated, and expanded.

Most significantly, the SAZEC and the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) identified substantial similarities between their respective FAFSA and postsecondary-transition efforts in differing schools, with few overlaps. Through a series of discussions, the organizations determined that a coordinated model could combine local school relationships, statewide infrastructure, staff expertise, financial resources, and access to data that our organization had historically not possessed. Rather than continue operating parallel efforts, the SAZEC and ABOR agreed to consolidate their work through a shared-investment model intended to expand service while creating a more sustainable structure with SAZEC at the helm in Pima County.

Other changes were also simultaneously occurring within Arizona’s college-access ecosystem:

- The federal AmeriCorps environment became increasingly unstable. In Spring 2025, the federal government moved to terminate nearly \$400 million in AmeriCorps grants, affecting more than 32,000 members and volunteers nationwide, while also substantially reducing the agency’s federal workforce. Those actions directly affected AmeriCorps-supported organizations in Arizona and reinforced the risks associated with continuing to rely upon the AmeriCorps model as the primary structure supporting our prior Peer Coach Program.

- Education Forward Arizona continued its College Knowing & Going work through a different school-based approach, with much of its service footprint concentrated outside Pima County and in rural communities. This further reinforced the need for a clearly defined and sustainable regional structure capable of maintaining substantial near-peer college-access capacity within Pima County.
- Earn to Learn, which had operated its Next Steps near-peer advising program alongside other postsecondary-access initiatives, also partly as an AmeriCorps-supported program, concluded its 2024–2025 service year in May 2025. While Earn to Learn continued other scholarship and postsecondary-access activities, the Next Steps near-peer program would and did not operate during the 2025–2026 school year, nearly eliminating comparable advising programs that would be active in Pima County during the 2025–2026 academic year.

Together, these shifts created both a need and an opportunity to reduce duplication, pool resources, and establish a more durable model for postsecondary-access support. As a result, during the 2025–2026 academic year, the Peer Coach Program entered a new phase through formal alignment between the SAZEC and ABOR, which became a timely progression as the Arizona State Legislature made significant cuts to ABOR’s financial capacity, resulting in layoffs requiring SAZEC to fulfill obligations of the program almost entirely.

The new structure consolidated local and statewide college-access efforts, expanded participation across Pima County schools, and established a shared-investment model in which each organization contributed distinct resources and responsibilities toward a common regional strategy. The SAZEC brought its longstanding school relationships, local implementation capacity, Peer Coach infrastructure, and community partnerships, while ABOR contributed statewide coordination, financial investment, and access to FAFSA data and postsecondary-transition resources supplied from the federal level.

The resulting partnership significantly expanded the reach of the Peer Coach Program while positioning it on a more sustainable operational and financial foundation for future years.

Unified Program Structure:

- District-level contracts rather than individual school agreements
- Integrated support for FAFSA completion and postsecondary transition
- New staffing ratio of 1 Peer Coach per 100 seniors in participating schools
- Continued \$1,000 stipends per Peer Coach
- New \$2,000 stipends per Peer Coach Advisor
- New \$1,200 per host school for college-going organizing, campaigns, student incentives

The SAZEC and Arizona Board of Regents jointly supported program planning and training. ABOR facilitated district-level contracting and program payments, while the SAZEC served as the principal local implementation partner, coordinating participating schools, supporting advisors and Peer Coaches, assisting with FAFSA and college-going strategies, administering SAZEC-funded student incentives, and monitoring school-level outcomes.

Program Expansion:

In September 2025, all schools that had participated in the prior Peer Coach Program cohort were invited, through their respective school districts, to join the newly aligned program. The SAZEC and ABOR also expanded outreach to additional high-need schools with historically low FAFSA completion rates, broadening the program's reach across Pima County.

The new cohort convened for the annual Peer Coach Orientation with:

- 18 Peer Coach Advisors (up from 9 the previous year)
- 61 Peer Coaches (up from 23 the previous year)
- 18 host schools (up from 9 the previous year)
- 6 school systems represented (up from 5 the previous year)
 - Marana Unified School District
 - Marana
 - Mountain View
 - Tucson Unified School District
 - Tucson*
 - Pueblo*
 - Catalina
 - University
 - Palo Verde
 - Cholla
 - Rincon*
 - Amphitheater Public Schools
 - Amphitheater
 - Canyon del Oro
 - Ironwood
 - Sunnyside Unified School District:
 - Desert View*
 - Sunnyside*
 - Vail School District:
 - Andrada*
 - Empire*
 - Cienega
 - Private
 - St. Augustine Catholic High School*

** Schools previously apart of the Peer Coach Program*



Students among the 2026 Peer Coach Cohort in the Orientation at PCC Downtown.

Advisor Trainings and Program Support

Following the fall orientation, the SAZEC continued school-level implementation and advisor support throughout the academic year.

Two mandatory meetings were held virtually on January 27 and April 7, 2026, with an opportunity for makeup on a one-on-one basis.

- The January meeting focused on:
 - FAFSA progress and statewide updates;
 - Priority dates and spring milestones;
 - Weekly FAFSA data utilization;
 - Parent and student outreach strategies;
 - ParentSquare, text messaging, auto-dialing, and letter campaigns;
 - Incentive and scholarship opportunities;
 - Graduation recognition;
 - Program surveys; and
 - Recruitment for the following academic year.
- The April meeting focused on:
 - End-of-year implementation
 - Program evaluation
 - Final FAFSA completion strategies
 - Stipend and recognition logistics
 - Planning for 2026–2027

Student Incentive Distribution

Each participating school was afforded up to \$1,200 in college-going activity and incentive support, divided between the Arizona Board of Regents and the SAZEC. ABOR provided \$600 through participating school districts, while the SAZEC administered an additional \$600 for

eligible school-level activities and student incentives.



Sunnyside High School Peer Coaches hosting a FAFSA workshop including completion prizes.

Participating schools used the SAZEC-administered portion of program funds to conduct structured college-going activities, including FAFSA completion, college applications, postsecondary planning, workshops, and other identified milestones.

Incentives were also awarded based on participation in or completion of eligible activities rather than on a one-award-per-student basis. As a result, a student could qualify for more than one incentive during the school year if they completed separate eligible milestones or participated in distinct incentive campaigns administered through their school. Between October 2025 and May 2026, the SAZEC issued 118 incentive awards to 117 individual students, totaling \$3,355 in electronic distributions. The difference reflects one student who received two separate incentive awards during the program year.

Awards were distributed electronically through the SAZEC's incentive platform, allowing the SAZEC to maintain a transaction-level record of each distribution while providing schools flexibility to design campaigns responsive to their students and local college-going goals.

District / School	Unique Students	Amount Distributed
Amphitheater	7	\$500
Canyon del Oro	10	\$350
Ironwood Ridge	3	\$55
Marana	35	\$700
Mountain View	25	\$500
Palo Verde	6	\$120

Rincon	6	\$350
Tucson Magnet	1	\$25
Sunnyside	4	\$275
Andrada Polytechnic	4	\$100
Empire	12	\$300
St. Augustine Catholic	4	\$80
TOTAL	117	\$3,355

Program Evaluation

Survey findings following the April meeting indicated that approximately 90% of advisors rated the program as very or extremely helpful, while approximately 96% of Peer Coaches reported a positive overall experience.

Advisors highlighted the strength of the kickoff training, the value of Peer Coaches in motivating students, and the usefulness of the program's resources and toolkits. They also identified recurring challenges such as:

- Issues and delays in accessing district issued funds
- Delay and discrepancies in district issued stipend
- Lacking opportunities for parental engagement
- The need for more scenario-based training and support for complex FAFSA cases

Peer Coach feedback similarly pointed to the effectiveness of incentives, one-on-one support, in-person outreach, and messaging FAFSA as "free money," while identifying parent participation as the most persistent barrier to completion. The Peer Coach feedback survey further reflected:

- Strong gains in student leadership and program confidence.
- Major growth in FAFSA knowledge and confidence over the course of the year
- The most effective outreach strategies were incentives, classroom-wide engagement, and individualized support.

At the same time, Peer Coaches consistently requested more hands-on practice, stronger preparation for parent-facing scenarios, and greater in-person collaboration across schools.

Together, the survey findings reinforced both the value of the program and the importance of continued refinement in training design, parent support strategies, and fund administration.

Program Investment and Partnership

The successful implementation of the 2025–2026 Peer Coach Program established a foundation for continued expansion and strengthened the partnership between the SAZEC and the Arizona Board of Regents. Under the 2025–2026 agreement, the total project investment was \$114,720, with \$73,200 supported by the Arizona Board of Regents and \$41,520 supported by the SAZEC. Following the successful completion of the initial year, the Arizona Board of

Regents and the Southern Arizona Education Council renewed the partnership through a two-year agreement. The renewed agreement expands program capacity while establishing a more sustainable shared-investment model in which ABOR assumes a larger share of direct program costs, while the SAZEC assumes increased responsibility for local implementation, school coordination, program support, and student engagement.

Funding Partner	FY25/26 Partner Share	FY26/27 & FY27/28 Partner Share Per Year
Arizona Board of Regents	\$73,200	\$100,000
Southern Arizona Education Council	\$41,520	\$28,160
Total Program Investment	\$114,720	\$128,160

FAFSA Completion at Peer Coach Host Schools by June 30, 2026

Data for the Class of 2026 host schools indicates stronger outcomes across nearly all participating schools, reflecting expanded Peer Coach coverage, earlier FAFSA engagement following program launch, and sustained support throughout the program's pilot year. FAFSA submissions represent students who submitted a FAFSA form, while FAFSA completions represent submitted forms that were successfully processed and in most cases after a guardian also completed their component in the application.

		2026 Graduating Class (For 2026-2027 Offer Year)		2025 Graduating Class (For 2025-2026 Offer Year)			
School	City	Application Submissions	Application Completions	Application Submissions	Application Completions	YoY %Δ Sub	YoY %Δ Comp
Marana	Tucson	321	319	215	208	+49.3%	+53.4%
Mountain View	Tucson	268	266	227	216	+18.1%	+23.1%
Tucson	Tucson	394	386	334	322	+18.0%	+19.9%
Pueblo	Tucson	296	291	236	227	+25.4%	+28.2%
Catalina	Tucson	62	61	69	66	-10.1%	-7.6%
University	Tucson	206	206	165	162	+24.8%	+27.2%
Palo Verde	Tucson	82	81	56	54	+46.4%	+50.0%
Cholla	Tucson	217	214	131	127	+65.6%	+68.5%
Rincon	Tucson	149	144	129	124	+15.5%	+16.1%
Amphi	Tucson	120	118	125	122	-4.0%	-3.3%
Canyon D.O.	Oro V.	165	163	120	115	+37.5%	+41.7%
Ironwood	Tucson	210	204	173	170	+21.4%	+20.0%

Desert View	Tucson	284	279	192	189	+47.9%	+47.6%
Sunnyside	Tucson	311	309	275	270	+13.1%	+14.4%
Andrada	Tucson	99	99	78	76	+26.9%	+30.3%
Empire	Tucson	153	151	130	128	+17.7%	+18.0%
Cienega	Vail	258	251	218	211	+18.3%	+19.0%
St. Augustine	Tucson	51	51	46	45	+10.9%	+13.3%

Complementary College Readiness Support

While Sabino High School did not participate in the Peer Coach Program during the 2025–2026 school year, the SAZEC supported the school through a complementary staffing model under its Federal Work Study partnership with the University of Arizona.

Through that partnership, a College Readiness Associate was placed at Sabino High School to provide direct support to Counselor Dr. Alex Karaman. In addition to his school-based counseling responsibilities, Dr. Karaman serves as a leader among Tucson Unified School District college and career counselors and as a regional lead for a cluster of east-side schools coordinating FAFSA completion strategies, college-going workshops, parent nights, and other postsecondary-access activities. By increasing staff capacity at Sabino, the SAZEC was able to support regional coordination among east-side schools engaged in shared college-readiness and FAFSA-completion efforts.

		2026 Graduating Class (For 2026-2027 Offer Year)		2025 Graduating Class (For 2025-2026 Offer Year)			
School	City	Application Submissions	Application Completions	Application Submissions	Application Completions	YoY %Δ Sub	YoY %Δ Comp
Sabino	Tucson	119	118	89	84	+33.7%	+40.5%

Beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, Sabino High School will instead join the rest of its fellow TUSD schools in the FAFSA Peer Coach Program.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Completion

FAFSA completion remained a principal focus throughout the contract year, with the SAZEC monitoring countywide and Peer Coach host-school performance in correlation with ongoing completion strategies.

The Class of 2026 FAFSA cycle began substantially ahead of the prior year's pace.

December 26, 2025 Checkpoint

- By December 26, countywide totals had reached:
 - 3,932 submissions

- 3,861 completions
- Compared with the same point in the prior cycle:
 - Submissions increased 129.5%
 - Completions increased 134.7%

Participating schools showed particularly strong early gains across Marana, Tucson, Oro Valley, Sunnyside, Vail, and Ajo & Sells.

- Tucson: +136.1% submissions; +140.1% completions
- Oro Valley: +142.2% submissions; +148.4% completions
- Vail: +106.9% submissions; +128.8% completions
- Sahuarita: +67.5% submissions; +71.7% completions
- Ajo & Sells: +10.5% submissions; +31.2% completions

May 1, 2026 Checkpoint

- By May 1, estimated countywide totals had increased to approximately:
 - 5,843 submissions
 - 5,750 completions
- The year-over-year increase was estimated at:
 - 17.6% for submissions
 - 20.3% for completions

These countywide figures suggest that Pima County sustained strong FAFSA momentum well beyond the early-cycle gains reflected in the Quarter 1 and 2 report. The spring continuation of school-level coaching, targeted data-driven outreach, advisor support meetings, incentive campaigns, and FAFSA workshops contributed to maintained student attention through the end of the school year, despite continued barriers related to parent completion, mixed-status families, technical challenges, and broader federal uncertainty around financial aid administration.

Federal Pell Grant Potential

Assuming Federal Pell Grant award levels remain consistent with the 2025–2026 maximum of \$7,395, and based on the estimated 5,750 countywide FAFSA completions through May 1, 2026, Pima County students are positioned to access a substantial level of federal need-based aid. Under this assumption:

- Estimated maximum Pell Grant potential (full-time enrollment):
Approximately \$42.5 million in federal aid available to Pima County students
- Estimated Pell Grant potential (part-time enrollment at 50% of maximum):
Approximately \$21.3 million in federal aid

Actual Pell disbursements will vary based on eligibility, enrollment intensity, and institutional attendance. Nonetheless, even under conservative assumptions, FAFSA completion continues to represent a substantial inflow of federal resources supporting postsecondary access, student persistence, and the regional economy.

Southern Arizona College and Career Night

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the SAZEC's Key to Employment Symposium was discontinued and was not subsequently reintroduced. As part of a broader effort to better align postsecondary-access programming across the region, the SAZEC partnered with Tucson Unified School District to support and expand the Southern Arizona College & Career Night. Now in its second year as a regional event, the College & Career Night complements the SAZEC's other postsecondary-access initiatives by connecting students and families with colleges and universities, workforce training programs, skilled trades, military and service opportunities, employers, and other career and education resources.



Students and college and career exhibitors at the Southern Arizona College and Career Night.

A significant focus of the SAZEC's involvement was strengthening the event's registration, communications, and data infrastructure. Historically, the event did not maintain a centralized mechanism for advance registration, attendance tracking, or measuring engagement between attendees and participating exhibitors.

For the 2025 event, the SAZEC developed a dedicated Southern Arizona College & Career Night website (sazccn.org), creating a centralized neutral location for event information and registration that could be promoted by both the SAZEC and Tucson Unified School District websites and communications channels.

The SAZEC also established a partnership with StriveScan, an event engagement platform used by college fairs and other postsecondary access events. Through StriveScan, students and families could register in advance and, while attending the event, electronically share their information with participating colleges, universities, employers, and other exhibitors. The

platform also enabled the event partners to begin measuring the number of connections and interactions occurring between attendees and participating organizations.

Registration and Engagement

- StriveScan reported 4,309 total registrations
 - 658 students
 - 262 parents
 - 37 professionals
 - 3,352 rapid registrations submitted through school counselors
- During the event, StriveScan recorded 504 attendees who actively used the platform, including:
 - 423 students
 - 74 parents
 - 7 professionals
- Those participants generated:
 - 1,441 attendee-to-exhibitor connections
 - 3,784 total interactions
 - 3,107 student interactions
 - 542 parent interactions
 - 135 professional interactions

Building Better Measurement

These figures should not be interpreted as the event's total physical attendance. No entrance or exit counting system was in place during the 2025 event, and families were able to walk directly into the venue without checking in.

StriveScan therefore captured only those attendees who actively used the platform during the event by scanning or exchanging information with participating exhibitors.

Based on the Tucson Convention Center's informal floor count, physical attendance was estimated at more than 2,000 individuals. Because this was a venue estimate rather than a controlled entrance count, the SAZEC does not present that figure as verified attendance. Instead, it is included to provide context for the substantial difference between physical participation and the 504 attendees whose engagement could be independently documented through StriveScan.

Beginning with the 2026–2027 school and contract year, the SAZEC intends to:

- Implement a dedicated door-counting mechanism to track entrances and exits;
- More actively encourage attendees to use StriveScan throughout the event;
- Strengthen exhibitor participation in attendee scanning and information exchange;
- Continue advance registration through the dedicated event website; and

Together, these improvements will allow future reports to distinguish among registrants, physical attendees, actively engaged attendees, institutional connections, and total interactions,

providing a significantly stronger picture of how students and families utilize one of Southern Arizona's largest postsecondary access events.

Local Advocacy Summit

On October 17, 2025, the SAZEC partnered with Tucson Young Professionals (TYP) and the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson to support the inaugural TYP Engage Local Advocacy Summit, a civic education and leadership development event designed to strengthen understanding of government, public decision-making, and community advocacy, aligning with SAZEC's own civic empowerment imperatives.



A panel including Nancy Gutierrez, Jennifer Allen, Matt Kopec, Patrick Robles, Rocque Perez

The summit brought together emerging professionals and community members for a practical introduction to how decisions are made at the local, county, state, and federal levels. The program included a government operations crash course, a panel discussion featuring elected officials and public leaders, and a hands-on workshop designed to help participants develop their own civic action plans. The featured panel included representation from multiple levels of government, including Arizona State Representative Nancy Gutierrez, then Pima County Board Vice Chair Jennifer Allen, Amphi School District Board Member Matt Kopec, then Southern Arizona Director for Senator Ruben Gallego Patrick Robles; and then Tucson City Council Member Rocque Perez.

Tucson Democracy Forum

On December 5, 2025, the SAZEC and TYP convened the inaugural Tucson Democracy Forum at the Historic Pima County Courthouse, building on the success of the Local Advocacy Summit.

The Forum brought together young residents, educators, community members, and public officials for structured discussion on democratic participation, public accountability, and the systems shaping quality of life in Tucson and Pima County.

The program combined a moderated leadership panel, audience discussion, and facilitated dialogue circles. Panelists included Tucson Vice Mayor Lane Santa Cruz, Tucson Council Member Miranda Schubert, then Pima County Board Vice Chair Jennifer Allen, and Arizona House Assistant Minority Leader Nancy Gutierrez.



Leadership panel composed of officials at the city, county and state level.

The discussion focused on how democratic accountability is experienced through issues such as housing, education, infrastructure, public health, community safety, and transparency in public decision-making.

Survey-Informed Program Design

The Forum was informed by the 2025 Tucson Young Professionals Advocacy Survey, which collected responses from 125 young professionals, 80.3% of whom resided in the Tucson area.

Respondents most frequently identified the following issues as affecting their lives and decisions about remaining in the region:

- Cost of living - 74 responses
- Career advancement and job opportunities - 71
- Wages and income growth - 67
- Affordable housing - 63
- Mental health - 48
- Education - 47

These findings helped shape the Forum around concerns already identified by younger residents rather than relying solely on anecdotal input.

Dialogue Circles and Findings

Following the panel, participants joined facilitated dialogue circles focused on three areas:

- *Corporate Influence, Public Interest, and Democratic Accountability*
Participants raised concerns related to money in politics, lobbying, transparency, environmental and neighborhood impacts, access to reliable information, and corporate influence over public systems. Priorities included stronger transparency, disclosure of community impacts, and expanded civic education.
- *Community Safety, Health, and Human Dignity*
Participants discussed public transportation safety, gun violence, institutional distrust, misinformation, polarization, and the erosion of community connection. Participants emphasized prevention, stronger neighborhood engagement, accessible public spaces, and greater inclusion of young people in shaping community solutions.
- *Protecting Public Schools and Expanding Opportunity*
Participants identified school funding, teacher shortages, student mental health, early childhood education, special education, experiential learning, and ESA expansion as major concerns. Participants emphasized stronger public investment in education and greater support for students and educators.

The event provided participants with a structured opportunity to connect lived experience with public policy while identifying shared concerns related to transparency, opportunity, education, safety, and the future of the region. These findings were subsequently utilized by students and community partners in our visits to the Capitol, and in their respective advocacy activities. It is the intention of the SAZEC to debut this event semi-annually, should alternative funding allow.

Early Childhood Education Day

On February 16, 2026, the SAZEC supported Southern Arizona participation in Early Childhood Education Day at the Arizona State Capitol, organized by the Arizona Early Childhood Alliance and First Things First.

The SAZEC coordinated transportation to help 25 Tucson-area parents, educators, advocates, child care providers, and community stakeholders participate.

Programming addressed issues including:

- Child care affordability;
- The child care subsidy waitlist;
- Early-learning investment;
- First Things First revenue;
- Workforce implications of child care availability;
- Healthy child development.

The activity connected early childhood education with family economic stability, workforce participation, and long-term educational outcomes.



Pima County attendees from various agencies and the K-12 continuum en route to the Capitol.

Legislative Day

On March 26, 2026, the SAZEC convened its annual Legislative Day at the Arizona State Capitol, bringing Pima County students and emerging young professionals to Phoenix for a firsthand introduction to state government, civic participation, and the legislative process.

Participation was limited by available bus capacity and filled through a first-come, first-registered process. Outreach was shared with students and young professionals across the SAZEC's existing higher-education and civic-engagement networks. Among those who registered were undergraduates from the University of Arizona and Pima Community College, as well as members of Tucson Young Professionals and Greater Tucson Leadership.

These organizations were not selected as exclusive participants; rather, their representation reflected who registered through the open outreach process within the available transportation capacity. Notably, all Pima County participants reported that this was their first visit to the Arizona State Capitol, underscoring the value of creating direct pathways for residents to engage with institutions and decision-makers that can otherwise feel distant from everyday life.

A significant portion of the SAZEC's Legislative Day coincided with Reproductive Freedom Day at the Legislature, organized by Reproductive Freedom for All Arizona.

The SAZEC joined portions of that programming, providing participants an opportunity to engage with advocates and learn about active legislation and public-policy debates involving

contraception access, reproductive health care, AHCCCS protections, and the implementation of voter-approved reproductive rights.

The Council's Legislative Day also extended beyond the partner programming, including:

- Touring the Arizona Capitol Museum;
- Visiting the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate chambers;
- Learning about the structure and operation of the legislative branch;
- Visiting with Governor Katie Hobbs.

The experience provided participants with both an institutional understanding of state government and exposure to issue-based civic engagement in practice. By combining Capitol education, direct interaction with public officials, and participation in an active advocacy day, Legislative Day gave first-time visitors an opportunity to better understand where public policy is made, how residents engage in that process, and how decisions affect Pima County.



Attendees among Reproductive Freedom for All Arizona staff, volunteers, and supporters

Evening to Empower Ed

On May 1, 2026, the SAZEC convened Evening to Empower Ed at the Pima Community College Aviation Technology Center, marking the second year of the event's return and continuing the region's longstanding tradition of recognizing extraordinary service to education. Building on the legacy of the Crystal Apple Awards, the evening brought together students, educators, counselors, administrators, public officials, families, and community partners from across Pima County to celebrate those advancing learning, opportunity, and student success.



Sunnyside Unified School District recipients accompanied by district administrators.

Presented by Vantage West Credit Union and hosted by Pima Community College, the event coincided with College Decision Day and the beginning of Teacher Appreciation Week. The program featured remarks from Rosanna Ramirez of Vantage West Credit Union, Pima Community College Chancellor Dr. Jeffrey Nasse, Pima County Board of Supervisors Chair Jen Allen, and Tucson Council Member Miranda Schubert. The evening also highlighted Pima Community College's announcement of its first Bachelor of Arts in Education, scheduled to launch in fall 2026.

A central purpose of the event was to serve as the year-end culmination of the FAFSA Peer Coach Program. Participating Peer Coaches were recognized for their service supporting classmates with FAFSA completion, college planning, and postsecondary transition, with coaches in attendance receiving certificates and graduation cords. Christine Chiong of Palo Verde High School and Alan Whiting of University High School were named the 2025–2026 Peer Coaches of the Year and each received a \$1,000 award, supported by Vantage West Credit Union and Banner University Medical Center. Sunnyside High School was also recognized as the year's College Catalyst for its commitment to helping seniors pursue postsecondary pathways.

The broader recognition program honored individuals and organizations whose work strengthens the regional education continuum. Principal award recipients included:

- Lifetime Education Advocate: Jackie Nichols, Billy Lane Lauffer Middle School
- Superintendent of the Year: John Carruth, Vail Unified School District
- Administrator of the Year: Matt Donaldson, Empire High School
- Counselor of the Year: Garrett Wilton, Esperero Canyon Middle School

- Teacher of the Year: Jeanne Wages, Andrada Polytechnic High School
- Youth of the Year: Nevaeh Larson, Rattlesnake Ridge Elementary
- Public Servant of the Year: Representative Nancy Gutierrez
- Outstanding Service to Community: Youth On Their Own; Don Harp, Pima Community College; Justin Curry, United Way of Tucson; and Treasures 4 Teachers of Tucson
- Outstanding Student-Serving Financial Institution: Vantage West Credit Union

The SAZEC also recognized Exemplary Educators from across the region, including representatives from Amphi, Catalina Foothills, Flowing Wells, JTED, Marana, Sahuarita, Sunnyside, Tucson Unified, Vail, and the greater community. Honorees included Ethnee Taylor, Lyndee Jones, Alberto Urquidez, Michelle Barcanic, Angela Gonzales, Vanessa Sawyer, Allison Labenberg, Monique Peralta, Lorena Fonseca, and Michael Olguin.

Governance and Operations

During the year, the SAZEC strengthened its financial and operational foundation, implemented a revised governance framework that continues to evolve, and actualized a program schedule that positions the organization as the central post-secondary access and youth civic empowerment steward of the region. This section provides an overview of the SAZEC's evolution, fiscal position, and staffing during the contract year.

Evolution to the Southern Arizona Education Council

On October 21, 2025, the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2025-48, followed by the Tucson Mayor and Council's adoption of Resolution No. 24041 on November 18, 2025. Together, these actions formally evolved the Metropolitan Education Commission into the Southern Arizona Education Council, establishing a revised governance framework coinciding with adopted imperatives of academic and civic empowerment.

As part of that transition, the 2025 resolutions contemplated the future incorporation of Santa Cruz County into the SAZEC's formal governance and membership structure. During FY2025–2026, however, no formal action was completed by Santa Cruz County to join the SAZEC. No Santa Cruz County funding supported SAZEC operations or programming during the contract year, and no Santa Cruz County-specific programming was undertaken. The absence of Santa Cruz County's formal participation did not affect the SAZEC's contractual responsibilities to Pima County or its ongoing work serving learners, educators, and communities within Pima County and the City of Tucson.

Following the close of the contract year, the SAZEC evaluated the status of the transition and determined that maintaining Santa Cruz County within the authorizing framework, absent formal participation, created unnecessary ambiguity regarding membership and governance.

Accordingly, on July 14, 2026, the SAZEC unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2026-001 requesting that the Pima County Board of Supervisors and Tucson Mayor and Council amend their respective authorizing resolutions. The requested amendments would align the governing documents with the SAZEC's current operational structure by removing Santa Cruz County from

the formal governance and membership framework while preserving the ability for future regional collaboration, partnerships, and programmatic engagement.

The proposed amendments would:

- Reduce the authorized SAZEC membership from 24 to 21 members;
- Remove the Chief Executive Officer's dual role as President, while continuing to serve as the SAZEC's principal executive and chief administrative officer, rather than a voting member of the public body;
- Preserve the CEO's responsibilities for administration, governmental coordination, meeting support, public records, and compliance;
- Maintain the Executive Committee's fiduciary and organizational governance responsibilities; and
- Preserve representation from Pima County, the City of Tucson, the Governor's Office, public postsecondary institutions, educators, learners, school leadership, youth-serving organizations, and the broader community.

Until corresponding amendments to the authorizing resolutions are considered and acted upon by Pima County and the City of Tucson, the SAZEC continues to operate under the existing authorizing framework. During this interim period, new appointments are unlikely to be made due to retroactive logistical requirements between Pima County and the City of Tucson.

Organization Name and Entity Transition

As part of the broader organizational transition, the SAZEC completed the legal name change of its nonprofit entity from the Metropolitan Education Commission to the Southern Arizona Education Council. The former Metropolitan Education Commission identity has been preserved as a registered trade name/DBA to maintain continuity with longstanding contracts. The organization remains in good standing with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Financial Overview

The SAZEC's FY2025–2026 financial position reflects continued organizational growth, increased program delivery, and diversification of revenue sources. This growth builds upon prior years of investment in the organization's capacity to serve learners, educators, and communities throughout Southern Arizona.

In its 2023 filing, the organization reported \$165,687 in revenue, \$158,255 in total expenses, and \$20,016 in year-end net assets. In the 2024 filing year, the organization reported \$209,358 in revenue, \$287,656 in total expenses, and \$37,633 in year-end net assets, reflecting a period of increased investment in programming, staffing, and organizational capacity. During Fiscal Year 2025–2026, the SAZEC continued this trajectory by diversifying its revenue base across public investment, private sponsorships, philanthropy, and individual contributions. On a cash basis, SAZEC recorded \$297,976.99 in operating revenue.

Revenue consisted of:

- Government grants and reimbursements: \$210,161.99

- Nonprofit sponsorships: \$48,500
 - \$7,500 of this is classified as services in year-end reporting.
- Business sponsorships: \$32,500
- Foundation sponsorships: \$4,000
- Individual donations: \$2,815

Total expenditures for the fiscal year were \$240,285.03. The two largest areas of investment were personnel, totaling \$118,916.64, and programs and services, totaling \$98,256.93. Together, these categories represented approximately 90% of total expenditures.

Program and service expenditures included:

- Stipends, scholarships, and cash awards: \$37,391.55
- Venue, equipment, and program supplies: \$34,008.54
- Program consumables: \$16,033.28
- Contract services: \$6,465.00
- Transportation and mileage: \$4,358.56

The SAZEC concluded the fiscal year with \$57,691.96 in net operating revenue and \$57,700.96 in total net revenue after interest income. This year-end balance provides continued organizational capacity as the SAZEC transitions into the 2026–2027 contract and school year and supports the timing differences inherent in reimbursement-based public contracts, program commitments, and annual operating cycles.

Staffing and Compensation

During FY2025–2026, the SAZEC employed five individuals at various points during the contract year, maintaining staffing capacity as follows during the year:

- Austin — Marketing and Communications Associate, compensated at \$17 per hour, whose employment ran from 01/16/2025 to 7/4/2025, funded in part by county;
- Flor — (Temp) Director, College Access, a full-time position with an annual salary rate of \$60,000, serving from 8/22/26 to 12/27/2025, funded entirely by county;
- Kalina — College Readiness Associate, compensated at \$17 per hour, serving from 10/20/2025 to 5/31/2026, funded in part by county;
- Raymundo — Marketing and Engagement Associate, compensated at \$18 per hour, whose employment began December 2, 2025, funded entirely by county;
- Rocque Perez — Chief Executive Officer and President, compensated an annual rate of \$91,770, whose employment began December 2, 2025, funded in part by county;

Prior to the contract year, I, Rocque Perez, had been employed with SAZEC since March 4, 2025. Upon assuming public office on May 6, 2026, I voluntarily separated from paid employment because of conflict-of-interest considerations. On May 29, 2025, the Executive Committee formally accepted my resignation effective May 6 and authorized me to continue serving in an unpaid capacity further formalized as the City of Tucson's designated representative to the SAZEC, with authority to provide strategic leadership and operational

oversight. The same May 29 action established a framework for continuity following my City Council service, including the opportunity to return to compensated executive employment on or around December 1, 2025, followed by approval of a new employment agreement.

Discussion regarding executive compensation had begun before my City Council appointment. At that time, I was exploring other employment opportunities and had discussed with members of the organization's leadership whether compensation for the executive role remained appropriate given the expanding scope of the organization, its financial capacity, and expectations for performance and growth. Informal conversations with Pima County staff similarly reflected a general view that compensation for the position could reasonably increase as organizational capacity and performance increased; however, authority to establish compensation remained exclusively with the SAZEC's governing leadership.

Historical compensation for the position also provided context. My predecessors serving in the executive role were compensated at approximately \$70,000 annually dating back to 2014. Adjusted for inflation, that compensation would be approximately \$99,000 to \$100,000 in 2026 dollars, illustrating that executive compensation had not kept pace with inflation even as the organization's responsibilities, programming, partnerships, and financial activity expanded.

During my city service, paid staff carried out day-to-day program implementation functions while I continued administrative and select programmatic stewardship without compensation as the City's designated representative. As the end of my city service approached, I was also considering other employment opportunities that could have followed my city service term. In contemplating my return to SAZEC, I requested that compensation for the executive position more closely align with the compensation I was then receiving through my City employment. That request became one consideration in negotiating a new employment agreement, but the final compensation level was not determined until closer to the Executive Committee's January 2026 consideration.

Following the conclusion of my City Council service on December 1, 2025, I returned to compensated employment effective December 2 and resumed the duties of Chief Executive Officer and President. On January 26, 2026, the Executive Committee approved a new employment agreement establishing annual compensation of \$91,770, together with health benefits provided to me for the first time since my initial employment with the organization.

The final compensation package reflected a balance between the compensation level I had requested, the expanded responsibilities and expectations associated with the executive role, employee retention considerations, and the organization's financial capacity. Rather than fully matching my requested compensation, the approved salary was set at a slightly lower level in order to accommodate the cost of adding health benefits within the organization's budget.

SAZEC's total FY2025–2026 personnel expenditures were \$118,916.64. This figure represents actual organization-wide personnel costs incurred during the fiscal year across the five individuals employed at various points during the period.

Of the \$118,916.64 in total organization-wide personnel expenditures, \$52,222.98 in personnel expenditures were charged to the County's \$122,000 FY2025–2026 allocation. The balance of the organization's personnel costs were supported through other revenues.

County invoices also included substantial direct program and operating expenditures beyond employee compensation. For comparison, the SAZEC invested \$98,256.93 in direct programs and services within \$240,285.03 in total organizational expenditures during FY2025–2026.

As part of the governance clarification proposed through Resolution No. 2026-001, the SAZEC has also requested that its authorizing jurisdictions more clearly distinguish compensated executive administration from voting membership in the public body. At my request, the proposed structure would remove the Chief Executive Officer's concurrent role as President with voting membership, while preserving the position's historical responsibilities as chief administrative officer, principal staff liaison to Pima County and the City of Tucson, and organizational spokesperson.

Office Operations

Throughout FY2025–2026, the SAZEC maintained operations from its established office location at the Santa Rosa Center. During the contract year, SAZEC decided to utilize office space to strengthen the network of organizations working alongside one another at no cost, welcoming Mini Poderosas, a small nonprofit organization that mentors and empowers girls and young ladies from diverse backgrounds.

Item #2
2025-2026 Expense Reports and Invoices

Pima County Economic Development Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez [REDACTED]

Invoice: PC01
Month: July
Year: 2025

Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Marketing and Comms Associate, Austin [REDACTED] (Regular, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	7/8/2025	\$347.86
Gusto (Payroll Service) – Monthly	7/31/2025	\$99.54
Total Personnel Costs		\$447.40
Subscriptions & Dues		
Calendly (Scheduling Management Standard Subscription) – Monthly	7/7/2025	\$13.04
Squarespace (Domain Purchase Fee) – One-Time	7/2/2025	\$43.48
Wix (Domain Purchase Fee) – Annual	7/15/2025	\$29.54
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	7/16/2025	\$21.74
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	7/21/2025	\$8.69
Wix (Website Hosting Subscription) – Monthly	7/23/2025	\$25.46
MailChimp (Digital Communications Standard Plan) – Monthly	7/22/2025	\$36.32
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	7/24/2025	\$21.73
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$200.00
Administrative		
City of Tucson (July Rent) – Monthly	7/1/2025	\$565.00
Philadelphia Insurance (Commercial Coverage) – Quarterly	7/23/2025	\$300.00
Total Administrative Costs		\$865.00
Total Expenditures for Billing Month		\$1,512.40
Expenditures Year to Date		\$1,512.40
Remaining Balance of County Allocation		\$120,487.60
County Allocation for Contract Year		\$122,000.00

Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported represents actual expenditures made in accordance with the Contract and are based on official accounting records and supporting documentation which will be maintained for purposes of audits, and that no major program or management changes occurred in the month covered by this expenditure report and payment request.

Date prepared: August 27, 2025
Prepared by: Rocque Perez, Chair


Signature

Date approved:
Approved by: Pima County Rep.

Signature

Pima County Economic Development Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez

Invoice: PC02
Month: August
Year: 2025

Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Gusto (Payroll Service) – Monthly	8/31/2025	\$99.54
Flor (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	8/28/2025	\$248.55
Total Personnel Costs		\$348.09
Subscriptions & Dues		
Wix (Website Hosting Subscription) – Monthly	8/25/2025	\$25.46
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	8/24/2025	\$21.73
MailChimp (Digital Communications Standard Plan) – Monthly	8/22/2025	\$36.32
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	8/21/2025	\$8.69
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	8/16/2025	\$21.74
Calendly (Calendar Management) – Monthly	8/5/2025	\$13.04
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$126.98
Administrative		
TechSoup (Quickbooks Advanced Subscription) — Annual	8/29/2025	\$170.00
Pedroza & Hayes Accounting and Consulting LLC (990 EZ Filing) — Annual	8/27/2025	\$900.00
Larios Financial LLC (Bookkeeping) — Monthly	8/20/2025	\$250.00
City of Tucson (August Rent) – Monthly	8/1/2025	\$565.00
Total Administrative Costs		\$1,885.00
Programs & Services		
Arizona Board of Regents (Peer Coach Program Cost Share) – Semiannual	8/29/2025	\$14,500.00
Apple Inc. (Macbook Air) — One Time	8/21/2025	\$1,194.61
SMG Tucson Convention Center Facility (Venue, Parking and Rental Service Fee) – One Time	8/11/2025	\$11,570.95
Total Programs & Services Costs		\$27,265.56
Total Expenditures for Billing Month		\$29,625.63
Expenditures Year to Date		\$31,138.03
Remaining Balance of County Allocation		\$90,861.97
County Allocation for Contract Year		\$122,000.00

Certification

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Date prepared: Sept 1, 2025
Prepared by: Rocque Perez, Executive Director

Date approved:
Approved by: Pima County Rep.


 Signature

 Signature

Pima County Economic Development

Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission (Transitioning to Southern Arizona Education Council)
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez, [REDACTED]

Invoice: 092025
Month: Sept.
Year: 2025

Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Gusto (Payroll Service and New Staff Background Check) – Monthly	9/3/2025	\$139.53
Flor [REDACTED] (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	9/11/2025	\$2,499.74
Flor [REDACTED] (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	9/25/2025	\$2,581.30
Total Personnel Costs		\$5,220.57
Subscriptions & Dues		
Wix (Metropolitan Education Commission Domain Renewal Purchase) – Annual	9/2/2025	\$26.36
Wix (Southern Arizona Education Council Domain Purchase) – Annual	9/3/2025	\$29.54
Calendly (Calendar Management) – Monthly	9/4/2025	\$13.04
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	9/17/25	\$21.74
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	9/22/25	\$8.69
MailChimp (Digital Communications Standard Plan) – Monthly	9/23/2025	\$42.30
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	9/23/25	\$21.74
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	9/25/2025	\$21.73
Wix (Southern Arizona College and Career Night Web Service Subscription) – Monthly	9/24/2025	\$25.46
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$210.60
Programs & Services		
University of Arizona Fast Copy (College and Career Night Promotional Prints) - One Time	9/3/2025	\$163.42
Walmart Supercenter (Peer Coach Orientation Supplies) - One Time	9/3/2025	\$124.37
Circle K (Peer Coach Orientation Consumables) - One Time	9/3/2025	\$11.07
Michas Restaraunt (Peer Coach Orientation Consumables for Lunch) - One Time	9/4/2025	\$1,221.89
Brueggers Bagels (Peer Coach Orientation Consumables for Breakfast) - One Time	9/5/2025	\$173.88
Bro Entertainment (Teen Town Hall Audio and Visual) - One Time	9/10/2025	\$693.75
University of Arizona Fast Copy (Student Aid Application Assistance Promotional Prints) - One Time	9/19/2025	\$228.03
Amazon (Teen Town Hall Supplies) - One Time	9/23/2025	\$86.92
SpeedPro Imaging (Table Banner) - One Time	9/23/2025	\$137.66
Amazon (Teen Town Hall, Democracy Forum Supplies) - One Time	9/24/2025	\$296.71
Sunnyside High School (FAFSA Contest Cash Withdrawal) - One Time	9/30/2025	\$100.00
Total Programs & Services Costs		\$3,237.70
Total Expenditures for Billing Month		\$8,668.87
Expenditures Year to Date		\$39,806.90
Remaining Balance of County Allocation		\$82,193.10
County Allocation for Contract Year		\$122,000.00

Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported represents actual expenditures made in accordance with the Contract and are based on official accounting records and supporting documentation which will be maintained for purposes of audits, and that no major program or management changes occurred in the month covered by this expenditure report and payment request.

Date prepared: Oct 28, 2025
Prepared by: Rocque Perez, Chair

Date approved:
Approved by: Pima County Rep.


 Signature

 Signature

Pima County Economic Development

Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission (Transitioning to Southern Arizona Education Council)
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez

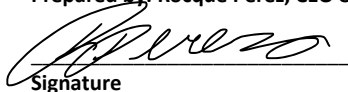
Invoice: 102025
Month: Oct.
Year: 2025

Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Gusto (Payroll Service) – Monthly	10/2/2025	\$112.52
Flor (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	10/9/2025	\$2,499.02
Flor (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	10/23/2025	\$2,497.84
Total Personnel Costs		\$5,109.38
Subscriptions & Dues		
Calendly (Calendar Management) – Monthly	10/6/2025	\$13.04
Wix (Southern Arizona Education Council - Website Hosting) – Annual	10/6/2025	\$432.88
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	10/23/25	\$21.74
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	10/22/25	\$8.69
MailChimp (Digital Communications Standard Plan) – Monthly	10/23/2025	\$42.30
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	10/17/2025	\$21.74
Wix (Southern Arizona College and Career Night - Website Hosting) – Monthly	10/24/2025	\$25.46
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	10/27/2025	\$21.73
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$587.58
Programs & Services		
Doordash - Safeway (University High School FAFSA Session) – One-Time	10/6/2025	\$43.41
Doordash - Little Ceasars (University High School FAFSA Session) – One-Time	10/6/2025	\$96.40
Amazon (Peer Coach Program - Rincon HS FAFSA Completion Activities - Candy) – One Time	10/21/2025	\$55.99
Amazon (Peer Coach Program - Rincon HS FAFSA Completion Activities - Candy) – One Time	10/22/2025	\$37.99
Amazon (Peer Coach Program - Rincon HS FAFSA Completion Activities - Snacks) – One Time	10/22/2025	\$58.95
Amazon (Peer Coach Program - Rincon HS FAFSA Completion Activities - Candy & Snacks) – One Time	10/22/2025	\$149.52
Shirtmax (Peer Coach Program - University HS FAFSA Completion Campaign - T-Shirts) – One Time	10/22/2025	\$446.11
Shirtmax (Peer Coach Program - Palo Verde HS College Promotion T-Shirts) – One Time	10/22/2025	\$49.90
Amazon (Peer Coach Program - Palo Verde HS College Promotion T-Shirt Design Supplies) – One Time	10/24/2025	\$44.52
Amazon (Peer Coach Program - Palo Verde HS College Promotion T-Shirt Design Supplies) – One Time	10/24/2025	\$46.69
Tremendous (Peer Coach Program - Cash and Gift Card FAFSA Completion Incentives) – One-Time	10/28/2025	\$113.30
Tremendous (Peer Coach Program - Cash and Gift Card FAFSA Completion Incentives) – One-Time	10/28/2025	\$128.75
Total Programs & Services Costs		\$1,271.53
Administrative		
City of Tucson (September Rent) – Monthly	10/1/2025	\$565.00
City of Tucson (October Rent) – Monthly	10/1/2025	\$567.47
City of Tucson (August Rent) – Monthly	10/1/2025	\$572.25
Arizona Corporation Commission (Annual Report) – Annual	10/6/2025	\$10.00
Total Administrative Costs		\$1,714.72
Total Expenditures for Billing Month		\$8,683.21
Expenditures Year to Date		\$48,490.11
Remaining Balance of County Allocation		\$73,509.89
County Allocation for Contract Year		\$122,000.00

Certification

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Date prepared: December 8, 2025
Prepared by: Rocque Perez, CEO & President


 Signature

Date approved:
Approved by: Pima County Rep.

 Signature

Pima County Economic Development

Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission (Pending Transition to Southern Arizona Education Council)
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez

Invoice: 112025
Month: Nov.
Year: 2025

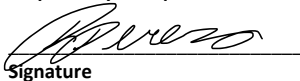
Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Gusto (Payroll Service) – Monthly	11/4/2025	\$112.52
Flor (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	11/1/2025	\$2,484.23
Kalina (College Readiness Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	11/1/2025	\$286.84
Flor (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	11/15/2025	\$2,484.24
Kalina (College Readiness Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	11/15/2025	\$288.36
Flor (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	11/29/2025	\$2,529.99
Kalina (College Readiness Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	11/29/2025	\$146.79
Total Personnel Costs		\$8,332.97
Subscriptions & Dues		
Calendly (Calendar Management) – Monthly	11/4/2025	\$13.04
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	11/16/25	\$21.74
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	11/21/25	\$8.69
MailChimp (Digital Communications Standard Plan) – Monthly	11/22/2025	\$42.30
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	11/22/2025	\$21.74
Wix (Southern Arizona College and Career Night - Website Hosting) – Monthly	11/24/2025	\$25.46
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	11/25/2025	\$21.73
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$154.70
Programs & Services		
Target (St. Augustine FAFSA workshop Session - Candy & Snacks) – One-Time	11/5/2025	\$44.66
Target (Canyon Del Oro FAFSA with Friends workshop session- Cookies, snacks, drinks) – One-Time	11/10/2025	\$20.56
Target (Canyon Del Oro FAFSA with Friends workshop session- Cookies, snacks, drinks) – One-Time	11/10/2025	\$29.96
Cash Withdrawal (Sunnyside FAFSA Campaign Raffle - FAFSA Money Pit Event) – One-Time	11/13/2025	\$100.00
A la Carte Rentals (Democracy Forum - Chair and Table Rentals) – Annual	11/13/2025	\$1,136.02
Papa Johns (Canyon Del Oro FAFSA with Friends Workshop - Pizza) – One-Time	11/17/2025	\$175.39
Papa Johns (Palo Verde FAFSA Completion Celebration - Pizza) – One-Time	11/17/2025	\$53.19
Target (Ironwood Ridge FAFSA workshop Session - Cookies, Snacks, Drinks) – One-Time	11/20/2025	\$68.52
Bros Entertainment LLC (Democracy Forum - Audio and Visual Services) – OneTime	11/23/2025	\$4,748.46
Pima County Attractions and Tourism (Teen Town Hall Cancellation - Venue) – One Time	11/26/2025	\$207.35
Pima County Attractions and Tourism (Democracy Forum - Venue) – One Time	11/26/2025	\$1,850.00
Tremendous (Deposit for Sunnyside & Ironwood FAFSA Completion - Raffle Drawings) – One-Time	11/5/2025	\$195.70
Tremendous (Deposit for Canyon Del Oro FAFSA with Friends Workshop - Raffle Drawing) – One-Time	11/19/2025	\$51.50
Tremendous (Deposit for Andrada Polytechnic FAFSA Completion - Raffle Drawings) – One-Time	11/24/2025	\$25.75
Tremendous (Deposit for Marana FAFSA Completion - Raffle Drawings) – One-Time	11/26/2025	\$20.60
Total Programs & Services Costs		\$8,727.66
Administrative		
Cox Communications (Internet) – Initial Fee & Monthly	11/10/2025	\$288.12
Amtrust Financial (Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance) – Annual	11/13/2025	\$791.00
Philadelphia Insurance Companies (Commercial Insurance Coverages) – Annual	11/25/2025	\$3,021.00
Total Administrative Costs		\$4,100.12
Total Expenditures for Billing Month		\$21,315.45
Expenditures Year to Date		\$69,805.56
Remaining Balance of County Allocation		\$52,194.44
County Allocation for Contract Year		\$122,000.00

Certification

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Date prepared: December 27, 2025

Prepared by: Rocque Perez, CEO & President


 Signature

Date approved:

Approved by: Pima County Rep.

 Signature

Pima County Economic Development

Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission (Transitioning to Southern Arizona Education Council)
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez [REDACTED]

Invoice: 122025
Month: Dec
Year: 2025

Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Gusto (Payroll Service) – Monthly	12/2/2025	\$138.50
Rocque Perez (Executive Director - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	12/18/2025	\$2,793.07
Flor [REDACTED] (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	12/18/2025	\$2,484.22
Kalina [REDACTED] (College Readiness Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	12/18/2025	\$318.56
Raymundo [REDACTED] (Engagement Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	12/18/2025	\$447.18
Rocque Perez (Executive Director - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	12/31/2025	\$3,082.89
Flor [REDACTED] (Director, College Access - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	12/31/2025	\$3,229.50
Kalina [REDACTED] (College Readiness Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	12/31/2025	\$214.84
Raymundo [REDACTED] (Engagement Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	12/31/2025	\$562.50
Total Personnel Costs		\$13,271.26
Subscriptions & Dues		
Squarespace (Domain Renewal) - Annual	12/1/2025	\$21.74
Calendly (Calendar Management) – Monthly	12/4/2025	\$13.04
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	12/17/25	\$21.74
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	12/22/25	\$8.69
MailChimp (Digital Communications Standard Plan) – Monthly	12/23/2025	\$42.30
Wix (Southern Arizona College and Career Night - Website Hosting) – Monthly	12/24/2025	\$25.46
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	12/26/2025	\$21.73
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$154.70
Programs & Services		
A la Carte Rentals (Democracy Forum - Chair and Table Rental and Delivery) Annual	12/8/2025	\$213.98
University of Arizona Fast Copy (Democracy Forum - Pocket Constitution and Program Prints) Annual	12/8/2025	\$839.72
Sunny Days Tucson (Democracy Forum - Skyline Stickers) Annual	12/8/2025	\$187.50
Safeway (Democracy Forum - Sodas and Ice) Annual	12/8/2025	\$26.97
Micha's Restaurant (Democracy Forum - Catered Consumables) Annual	12/8/2025	\$908.38
Circle K (Demcoracy Forum - Ice) Annual	12/8/2025	\$12.00
U-Haul Moving & Storage (Democracy Forum - Truck Rental) Annual	12/8/2025	\$86.75
Target (Canyon Del Oro FAFSA Workshop Session - Consumables) One-Time	12/8/2025	\$21.20
Papa Johns (St. Augustine College Application Completion Session - Consumables) One-Time	12/11/2025	\$160.20
Target (Ironwood Ridge FAFSA Workshop Session - Consumables and Disposables) One-Time	12/14/2025	\$37.59
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/2/2025	\$61.80
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/9/2025	\$41.20
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/8/2025	\$41.20
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/11/2025	\$77.25
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Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/12/2025	\$20.60
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/15/2025	\$108.15
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/15/2025	\$180.25
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/16/2025	\$51.50
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/16/2025	\$412.00
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/17/2025	\$51.50
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/18/2025	\$25.75
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/22/2025	\$77.25
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) One-Time	12/23/2025	\$77.25
Total Programs & Services Costs		\$3,797.24
Administrative		
Cox Communications (Internet) - Monthly	12/12/2025	\$79.06
Amtrust Financial (Audited Workers Compensation) – Annual	12/29/2025	\$1,910.00

Total Administrative Costs	\$1,989.06
Total Expenditures for Billing Month	\$17,223.20
Expenditures Year to Date	\$87,028.76
Remaining Balance of County Allocation	\$34,971.24
County Allocation for Contract Year	\$122,000.00

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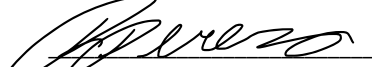
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Date prepared: December 31, 2025

Prepared by: Rocque Perez, CEO & President

Date approved:

Approved by: Pima County Rep.


Signature

Signature

Pima County Economic Development Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission (Transitioning to Southern Arizona Education Council)
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez [REDACTED]

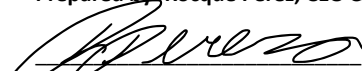
Invoice: 012026
Month: Jan
Year: 2026

Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Gusto (Payroll Service) – Monthly	1/2/2026	\$138.50
United Healthcare (Employee Coverage) – Monthly	1/11/2026	\$426.17
Raymundo [REDACTED] (Engagement Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	1/15/2026	\$348.89
Rocque Perez (Executive Director - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	1/15/2026	\$3,095.77
Raymundo [REDACTED] (Engagement Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	1/29/2026	\$775.30
Kalina [REDACTED] (College Readiness Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	1/30/2026	\$409.43
Rocque Perez (Executive Director - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	1/31/2026	\$3,997.39
Total Personnel Costs		\$9,191.45
Subscriptions & Dues		
Calendly (Calendar Management) – Monthly	1/4/2026	\$13.04
Costco Wholesale (Costco Membership) – Annual	1/15/2026	\$141.18
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	1/21/26	\$21.74
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	1/21/26	\$8.69
MailChimp (Digital Communications Standard Plan) – Monthly	1/22/2026	\$42.30
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	1/26/2026	\$21.73
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$248.68
Programs & Services		
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) – One Time	1/13/2026	\$40.00
The Center for Community Mediation and Facilitation (Democracy Forum Services) – Annual	1/1/2026	\$3,312.50
Total Programs & Services Costs		\$3,352.50
Administrative		
Cox Communications (Internet) – Monthly	1/10/2026	\$79.06
City of Tucson (Overdue Rent with Fee) – Monthly	1/12/2026	\$572.10
City of Tucson (Overdue Rent) – Monthly	1/12/2026	\$565.00
City of Tucson (Overdue Rent) – Monthly	1/12/2026	\$565.00
City of Tucson (Overdue Rent) – Monthly	1/12/2026	\$565.00
Arizona Corporation Commission (Name Reservation Filing) – One Time	1/16/2026	\$45.00
Arizona Corporation Commission (Filing Service Fee) – One Time	1/16/2026	\$2.00
Best Buy (Charging Cable) – One Time	1/20/2026	\$27.16
Total Administrative Costs		\$2,420.32
Total Expenditures for Billing Month		\$15,212.95
Expenditures Year to Date		\$102,241.71
Remaining Balance of County Allocation		\$19,758.29
County Allocation for Contract Year		\$122,000.00

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Date prepared: January 31, 2026
Prepared by: Rocque Perez, CEO & President


 Signature

Date approved:
Approved by: Pima County Rep.

 Signature

Pima County Economic Development

Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission (Transitioning to Southern Arizona Education Council)
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave Tucson AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez, [REDACTED]

Invoice: 022026
Month: Feb
Year: 2026

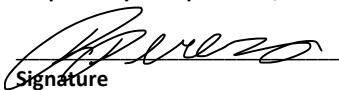
Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Gusto (Payroll Service) – Monthly	2/2/2026	\$125.52
United Healthcare (Employee Coverage) – Monthly	2/11/2026	\$426.17
Raymundo [REDACTED] (Engagement Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	2/11/2026	\$726.84
Rocque Perez Executive Director - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	2/11/2026	\$3,996.86
Kalina [REDACTED] (College Readiness Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	2/11/2026	\$518.68
Raymundo [REDACTED] (Engagement Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	2/25/2026	\$562.08
Kalina [REDACTED] (College Readiness Associate - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	2/25/2026	\$489.39
Rocque Perez (Executive Director - Regular Cycle, Employer Total Cost) – Biweekly	2/25/2026	\$3,996.32
Total Personnel Costs		\$10,841.86
Subscriptions & Dues		
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	2/17/26	\$21.74
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	2/21/26	\$8.69
MailChimp (Digital Communications Standard Plan) – Monthly	2/22/2026	\$42.30
Wix (Southern Arizona College and Career Night - Website Hosting) – Monthly	2/24/2026	\$25.46
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	2/26/2026	\$21.73
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$119.92
Programs & Services		
Mountain View Tours (Early Child Education Day at the Arizona Capitol) – One Time	2/3/2026	\$1,468.50
Eeegee's (Cholla FAFSA Workshop Session - Consumables) – One Time	2/10/2026	\$50.00
Amazon (Vail FAFSA Workshop Session - Consumables) One-Time	2/12/2026	\$41.49
Amazon (Vail FAFSA Workshop Session - Supplies) One-Time	2/12/2026	\$42.00
Amazon (Vail FAFSA Workshop Session - Supplies) One-Time	2/12/2026	\$186.03
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) – One Time	2/17/2026	\$20.00
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) – One Time	2/17/2026	\$100.00
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) – One Time	2/17/2026	\$240.00
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) – One Time	2/18/2026	\$480.00
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) – One Time	2/20/2026	\$20.00
Total Programs & Services Costs		\$2,648.02
Administrative		
University of Arizona (Parking) – One Time	2/5/2026	\$9.00
Cox Communications (Internet) – Monthly	2/13/2026	\$79.06
City of Tucson (Overdue Rent) – Monthly	2/17/2026	\$565.00
Total Administrative Costs		\$653.06
Total Expenditures for Billing Month		\$14,262.86
Expenditures Year to Date		\$116,504.57
Remaining Balance of County Allocation		\$5,495.43
County Allocation for Contract Year		\$122,000.00

Certification

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Date prepared: February 28, 2026
Prepared by: Rocque Perez, CEO & President

Date approved:
Approved by: Pima County Rep.


 Signature

 Signature

Pima County Economic Development Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission (Transitioning to Southern Arizona Education Council)
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez

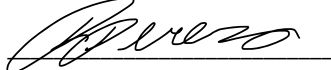
Invoice: 032026
Month: March
Year: 2026

Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Gusto (Payroll Service) – Monthly	3/3/2026	\$138.50
United Healthcare (Employee Coverage) – Monthly	3/11/2026	\$426.17
Total Personnel Costs		\$564.67
Subscriptions & Dues		
Wix (Metropolitan Education Commission Domain Renewal) – Monthly	3/8/2026	\$19.04
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	3/17/26	\$21.74
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	3/21/26	\$8.69
MailChimp (Digital Communications Standard Plan) – Monthly	3/22/2026	\$42.30
Wix (Southern Arizona College and Career Night - Website Hosting) – Monthly	3/24/2026	\$25.46
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	3/26/2026	\$21.73
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$138.96
Programs & Services		
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) – One Time	3/16/2026	\$120.00
Tremendous (Deposit Student FAFSA Completion - Raffle Completion Drawings) – One Time	3/16/2026	\$200.00
Amazon (Peer Coach Program - Graduation Cords) – One Time	3/18/2026	\$88.02
Mountain View Tours (Legislative Day - State Capitol Travel) – One Time	3/25/2026	\$1,389.00
Inglis Florist (Evening to Empower Ed - Flowers) – Annual	3/30/2026	\$897.90
Total Programs & Services Costs		\$2,694.92
Administrative		
Cox Communications (Internet) - Monthly	3/13/2026	\$79.06
Total Administrative Costs		\$79.06
Total Expenditures for Billing Month		\$3,477.61
Expenditures Year to Date		\$119,982.18
Remaining Balance of County Allocation		\$2,017.82
County Allocation for Contract Year		\$122,000.00

Certification

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Date prepared: March 31, 2026
Prepared by: Rocque Perez, CEO & President


 Signature

Date approved:
Approved by: Pima County Rep.

 Signature

Pima County Economic Development Outside Agency Expenditure Report and Invoice

Agency: Metropolitan Education Commission (Transitioning to Southern Arizona Education Council)
Address: 1080 S 10th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701
Contact: Rocque Perez 

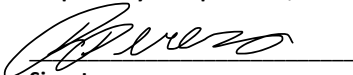
Invoice: 042026
Month: April
Year: 2026

Expenditure(s)	Date	Amount
Personnel		
Gusto (Payroll Service) – Monthly	4/1/2026	\$138.50
Total Personnel Costs		\$138.50
Subscriptions & Dues		
OpenAI (ChatGPT Plus Subscription) – Monthly	4/17/26	\$21.74
Microsoft (Teams Phone with Calling Plan) – Monthly	4/21/26	\$13.28
Wix (Southern Arizona College and Career Night - Website Hosting) – Monthly	4/24/2026	\$25.46
Adobe Inc (Creative Cloud Subscription) – Monthly	4/26/2026	\$21.73
Total Subscriptions & Dues Costs		\$82.21
Programs & Services		
Sport Class Customs (Evening to Empower Ed - Honoree Award) – One Time	4/20/2026	\$751.41
Gloo Factory Inc (Evening to Empower Ed - Event Program Prints) – One Time	4/28/2026	\$903.00
Sport Class Customs (Evening to Empower Ed - Honoree Awards) – One Time	4/28/2026	\$65.34
Total Programs & Services Costs		\$1,719.75
Administrative		
Cox Communications (Internet) – Monthly	4/10/2026	\$77.36
Total Administrative Costs		\$77.36
Total Expenditures for Billing Month		\$2,017.82
Expenditures Year to Date		\$122,000.00
Remaining Balance of County Allocation		\$0.00
County Allocation for Contract Year		\$122,000.00

Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported represents actual expenditures made in accordance with the Contract and are based on official accounting records and supporting documentation which will be maintained for purposes of audits, and that no major program or management changes occurred in the month covered by this expenditure report and payment request.

Date prepared: April 30, 2026
Prepared by: Rocque Perez, CEO & President


 Signature

Date approved:
Approved by: Pima County Rep.

 Signature

Item #3
2025-2026 Statement of Activity

Metropolitan Education Commission

Statement of Activity
July, 2025-June, 2026

	Total
Revenue	
4000 Contributions & Grants	
4010 Individual Donations	2,815.00
4020 Business Contributions & Grants	
4020.1 Business Sponsorships	32,500.00
Total for 4020 Business Contributions & Grants	\$32,500.00
4030 Nonprofit Contributions & Grants	
4030.1 Nonprofit Sponsorships	41,000.00
Total for 4030 Nonprofit Contributions & Grants	\$41,000.00
4040 Foundation Contributions & Grants	
4040.1 Foundation Sponsorships	4,000.00
Total for 4040 Foundation Contributions & Grants	\$4,000.00
4050 Government Contributions & Grants	
4050.2 Government Grants	207,570.00
4050.3 Federal Work Study Reimbursement	2,591.99
Total for 4050 Government Contributions & Grants	\$210,161.99
Total for 4000 Contributions & Grants	\$290,476.99
Services	7,500.00
Total for Revenue	\$297,976.99
Gross Profit	\$297,976.99
Expenditures	
5000 Personnel Expense	\$42.33
5010 Gross Wages	99,419.70
5020 Employee Related Expense	
5022 Payroll Taxes	
5022.1 Tax Expense	11,066.50
5022.3 Worker's Comp	2,701.00
Total for 5022 Payroll Taxes	\$13,767.50
5024 Employee Benefits	\$2,360.28
5024.2 Medical Expense	3,326.83
Total for 5024 Employee Benefits	\$5,687.11
Total for 5020 Employee Related Expense	\$19,454.61
Total for 5000 Personnel Expense	\$118,916.64
5100 Facility Costs	
5105 Occupancy	5,926.32
5110 Telecommunications	858.92
5115 Insurance	3,021.00
Total for 5100 Facility Costs	\$9,806.24

Metropolitan Education Commission

Statement of Activity
July, 2025-June, 2026

	Total
5200 Administrative Costs	
5225 Dues/Subscriptions & Licenses	
5225.1 Licenses & Permits	104.00
5225.2 Dues & Subscriptions	232.46
Total for 5225 Dues/Subscriptions & Licenses	\$336.46
5230 Legal & Professional Services	
5230.1 Payroll Service Fees	1,369.74
5230.2 Accounting Service Fees	1,759.01
5230.3 Professional Service Fees	3,000.00
Total for 5230 Legal & Professional Services	\$6,128.75
5245 Material and Supplies	
5245.1 Office Supplies	3,023.91
5245.2 Computer Software & Supplies	1,483.52
Total for 5245 Material and Supplies	\$4,507.43
5250 Printing & Postage	
5250.1 Postage	121.09
Total for 5250 Printing & Postage	\$121.09
Total for 5200 Administrative Costs	\$11,093.73
5300 Conferences & Meetings	
5325 Transportation and Mileage	213.01
5330 Conferences & Meetings	333.03
Total for 5300 Conferences & Meetings	\$546.04
5400 Programs & Services	
5420 Transportation and Mileage	4,358.56
5425 Venue, Equipment & Supplies	34,008.54
5430 Program Consumables	16,033.28
5435 Contract Services	6,465.00
5445 Stipends, Scholarships & Cash Awards	37,391.55
Total for 5400 Programs & Services	\$98,256.93
5500 Marketing & Advertising	
5535 Design & Production	181.14
5545 Web Hosting and Maintenance	984.31
5550 Sponsorships/Community Engagements	500.00
Total for 5500 Marketing & Advertising	\$1,665.45
Total for Expenditures	\$240,285.03
Net Operating Revenue	\$57,691.96

Metropolitan Education Commission

Statement of Activity

July, 2025-June, 2026

	Total
Other Revenue	
4900 Other Income	
4910 Interest	9.00
Total for 4900 Other Income	\$9.00
Total for Other Revenue	\$9.00
Net Other Revenue	\$9.00
Net Revenue	\$57,700.96

Item #4
Employee History Report

New custom report

Report created on: 08/12/2026

Time Period: Between (07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026)

Employee	Employee start date	Employee end date	Primary job title	Job compensation amount
Raymundo	12/02/2025		Marketing and Engagement Associate	18.0
Kalina	10/20/2025	05/31/2026	College Readiness Associate	17.0
Austin	01/16/2025	07/04/2025	Marketing and Communications Associate	17.0
Flor	08/22/2025	12/27/2025	Director, College Access	60000.0
Roque Perez	12/02/2025		Chief Executive Officer & President	91770.0

Item #5A
2025-2026 Agreements and Confirmations:
Arizona Board of Regents Peer Coach Program Agreement

**FAFSA PEER COACH PROJECT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SOUTHERN ARIZONA EDUCATION COUNCIL (SAZEC)
AND
THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS (ABOR)**

This FAFSA Peer Coach Project Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the Southern Arizona Education Council (“SAZEC”), a public body jointly authorized by Pima County and the City of Tucson, and independently established as a non-profit organization, and the Arizona Board of Regents (“ABOR”), a constitutionally created body corporate for the governance of Arizona’s public universities. SAZEC and ABOR are referred to herein collectively as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS the Parties seek to continue their unified FAFSA Peer Coach Project (“PROJECT”), creating a streamlined model for shared training, consistent stipends, joint data coordination, and aligned outcomes across participating schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement becomes effective as of July 1, 2026, and will remain in effect through June 30, 2028, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms herein. By written mutual agreement, the Parties may choose to renew or extend this Agreement for an additional term (or terms), subject to any modifications or amendments (including budget and scope) that they agree upon in writing. Unless otherwise stated, any renewal shall be finalized at least sixty (60) days prior to the then-current expiration date. Absent renewal, the Agreement will terminate automatically on June 30, 2028, with all remaining obligations resolved per the termination terms herein.

2. DEFINITIONS

- **PROJECT:** The unified FAFSA Peer Coach initiative co-developed and co-managed by SAZEC and ABOR, consolidating the structures, resources, and operational frameworks of each organization’s prior programs into one shared model.

- **Peer Coach:** A senior high school student trained to support classmates with FAFSA awareness and completion through events, workshops, and one-on-one assistance.
- **Peer Coach Advisor:** A designated school staff member who supervises Peer Coaches, supports FAFSA programming, and coordinates with the Parties.
- **Participating Schools:** High schools officially participating in the PROJECT as identified in Appendix A.

3. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

- **Unified Program Framework**

This Agreement merges the separately operated Peer Coach models of SAZEC and ABOR into one cohesive program, referred to as the FAFSA Peer Coach Project. The unified model standardizes:

- Coach eligibility and duties,
- Training and materials,
- Stipend amounts and distribution,
- Event support and FAFSA Workshop Support,
- Data tracking and reporting,
- Evaluation and shared accountability.

- **Shared Goals**

The Parties commit to working collaboratively to:

- Increase FAFSA completion across participating high schools.
- Cultivate a strong college-going culture through peer engagement.
- Empower students through leadership and civic service roles.
- Improve transparency and reduce duplication through shared infrastructure.

- **Resource Coordination**

As part of this unification:

- SAZEC and ABOR will jointly fund stipends, FAFSA Workshop Support, and recognitions as outlined in Exhibit A
- The Parties agree to co-develop training, milestone requirements, and evaluation tools.
- The Resource coordination and Project Framework is outlined in Exhibit B.

4. ANNUAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ABOR Shall:

- Provide stipend funding for participating FAFSA Peer Coach Advisors and FAFSA Peer Coaches in participating Pima County schools:
 - Advisors: \$2,000 per advisor - not to exceed 17 Advisors/\$34,000 in total for all Participating Pima Schools per school year.
 - Peer Coaches: \$1,000 per peer coach - not to exceed 52 Peer Coaches/\$52,000 in total for all Participating Pima Schools per school year.
 - 5 Districts, and not to exceed 17 schools across these districts during the duration of this agreement.
- Provide a \$3,000 administrative allocation to support the Southern Arizona Education Council's paid position; this position could be a paid internship or work study position. This shared-support role will assist with program management, distribution and compliance oversight of workshop support funds, and responses to school inquiries related to FAFSA workshop requests.
- Facilitate and coordinate FAFSA Peer Coach agreements with participating schools.
- Co-develop and co-deliver training for participating Southern Arizona schools in collaboration with SAZEC.
- Provide FAFSA training materials, implementation toolkits, and related program resources to participating schools.
- Provide branded promotional materials and outreach collateral for use by Peer Coaches and Peer Coach Advisors throughout the academic year.
- Manage the stipend payment infrastructure for advisors and peer coaches.
- Coordinate technology platforms and data systems, including Arizona College Connect reporting tools, and provide SAZEC with access to relevant program outcomes, goals, and deliverables, as appropriate.
- Develop training curriculum and implementation resources for participating schools.
- Execute district and school participation agreements.

- Maintain FAFSA completion reporting and data tracking for participating schools.
- Manage stipend payments for participating advisors and peer coaches.
- Provide technical assistance, training, and ongoing program guidance.
- Supply FAFSA completion data insights and school-level reporting support.
- Issue the approved administrative allocation to SAZEC in accordance with partnership terms and available funding.

SAZEC Shall:

- Provide a \$3,000 matching contribution to ABOR's administrative allocation to jointly support a work-study position dedicated to program coordination, school support, workshop administration, and compliance oversight for participating schools.
- Disburse SAZEC-administered programming support funds to participating schools upon request and in accordance with established program guidelines.
- Allocate \$1,200 per participating Pima County school for programming support funds to support:
 - Postsecondary pathway promotion;
 - FAFSA completion activities;
 - School-based events; and
 - Student and family engagement services.
- Provide programming support funds to participating schools not to exceed a total allocation of \$20,400.
- Collaborate with ABOR to finalize FAFSA Peer Coach assignments.
- Coordinate with ABOR to develop training materials and support implementation for participating Southern Arizona FAFSA Peer Coach schools.
- Coordinate with ABOR to monitor milestone progress for advisors and peer coaches.

- Host or co-host monthly or quarterly meetings, trainings, and recognition events.
- Receive regular updates from ABOR regarding FAFSA completion rates, peer coach milestones, and additional program performance metrics.
- Ensure compliance with all applicable FERPA and student privacy requirements.
- Oversee the administration, monitoring, and distribution of programming support funds for participating schools in Pima County.
- Administer SAZEC-funded programming support allocations for participating Pima County schools.
- Coordinate documentation and reporting to ensure all funds are utilized in alignment with program objectives and allowable use guidelines.
- Track expenditures, implementation activities, and school-level participation.
- Serve as a regional liaison and support partner for participating schools, as applicable.
- Provide summary reporting related to fund usage, implementation activities, and program impact.

Joint SAZEC and ABOR Responsibilities

- Review and update strategic program goals, including FAFSA completion growth targets (e.g., 5% increases), and adjust programming activities or budget allocations as necessary.
- Coordinate program announcements, marketing efforts, and engagement strategies to ensure consistent messaging and branding across the initiative.
- Collaborate with participating districts and schools to facilitate the sharing of non-confidential and aggregate data necessary for program evaluation and reporting.
- Design surveys, focus groups, and assessment tools to evaluate short- and long-term outcomes of the FAFSA Peer Coach initiative.
- Share aggregated or de-identified findings with participating districts, schools, and respective governing bodies, as appropriate.

- Support ongoing communication and collaboration among participating schools, districts, and community partners.

5. COMPENSATION AND BUDGET

The budget of this project is more clearly detailed in Exhibit A. The maximum total cost of this joint project is \$ 114,480 per year (\$228,960 total), with a share of \$25,480.00 per year (\$50,960 total) by the SAZEC and \$89,000 per year (\$178,000 total) by ABOR. The money will be distributed as follows:

Program Responsibilities and Funding Allocation Per Year

Responsible Party	Item/Activity	Quantity/Units	Unit Rate	Maximum Amount
ABOR: to be paid to the districts	Peer Coach Stipends	Up to 52	\$1,000.00	\$52,000.00
ABOR: to be paid to the districts	Peer Coach Advisor Stipends	Up to 17	\$2,000.00	\$34,000.00
ABOR (Paid to SAEC)	Work-Study Support Position (Paid to SAEC)	50%	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
SAEC	Work-Study Support Position Support	50%	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
SAEC	FAFSA Workshop Support	17 Participating Schools	\$1,200.00	\$20,400.00
SAEC	Culmination Recognition Items	52 Items	\$40.00	\$2,080.00

Maximum Funding Per Year Summary

Responsible Party	Maximum Amount
ABOR	\$89,000.00
SAEC	\$25,480.00

- **Invoicing and Disbursement**
 - ABOR shall issue payments to the schools/districts, as applicable, according to the IGA between ABOR and the District.
 - Any budget changes due to changes in participation will be made via written amendment to Exhibit A.
- **Return of Unused Funds**

Unused funds from either Party will be returned to that Party or reallocated

through mutual written agreement to other FAFSA related projects.

6. DATA SHARING AND PRIVACY

- Both Parties shall comply with FERPA and A.R.S. § 15-1046 as applicable.
- ABOR will incorporate SAZEC as a supporting program partner in district IGAs.
- Student data will be limited to that necessary for program execution and evaluation.
- De-identified data may be shared publicly.
- Data no longer needed must be securely destroyed within 60 days of program close.

7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including any attachments or exhibits, constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties regarding the PROJECT and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements on the subject. Any amendments or modifications to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

8. TERMINATION

- **Termination for Convenience**
Either Party may terminate this Agreement at the end of any academic year by providing sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the other, without cause. Such termination does not negate obligations already incurred.
- **Termination for Cause**
If a Party materially breaches this Agreement and fails to remedy such breach within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice, the non-breaching Party may terminate immediately.
- **Effect of Termination**
Upon termination, the Parties shall cooperate to finalize any outstanding stipend payments, reconcile budgets, and ensure a smooth transition for any schools and Peer Coaches involved.

9. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the

State of Arizona. Any dispute arising hereunder shall be resolved in a court sitting in Pima County, Arizona.

10. SEVERABILITY

If one or more of the provisions, or any portion of any provision, in this Agreement is/are deemed void or is/are by law unenforceable or become enforcement, the Parties to this Agreement agree that a court may sever that portion of the Agreement. The Parties further agree that all other provisions not deemed void or unenforceable will continue in full force and effect.

11. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which taken together shall constitute a single agreement. Facsimile or electronically transmitted signatures shall be deemed valid.

12. NOTICES

All notices required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be effective and delivered as follows: (i) if delivered by hand or by courier, upon personal delivery to the party to whom it is addressed; (ii) if delivered by fax/telecopy, upon receipt of confirmation that successful facsimile transmission has occurred, provided a copy of the notice is also mailed to the recipient via U.S. Mail on the date of such transmission; and (iii) if mailed via registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, 3 business days following deposit in the U.S. Mail.. Delivery by any means other than those listed above is invalid. For purposes hereof, the parties notice information is set forth below:

Southern Arizona Education Council
1080 S 10th Ave
Tucson, AZ 85701
Attention: Chief Executive Officer
Email: rocque@sazeducation.org

Arizona Board of Regents
2700 N. Central Ave, Suite 400
Phoenix, AZ 85004
Attention: Executive Director
Email: chad.sampson@azregents.edu

Either Party may update its notice information by written notice to the other Party.

13. MANDATORY TERMS

- a. Failure of Legislature to Appropriate.** Per A.R.S. § 35-154, if ABOR's performance under the Agreement depends on the appropriation of funds by

the Arizona Legislature, and if the Legislature fails to appropriate the funds necessary for performance, then ABOR may provide written notice of this to SAZEC and cancel the Agreement without further obligation of ABOR. Appropriation is a legislative act and is beyond the control of ABOR. No liability shall accrue to the ABOR or any other agency of the State of Arizona in the event this provision is exercised, and neither the ABOR nor any other agency of the State of Arizona shall be obligated or liable for any future payments or for any damages as a result of termination under this paragraph.

- b. **Failure of County to appropriate.** If SAZEC's performance under this Agreement depends upon the appropriation of funds by the Pima County Board of Supervisors, and if the Pima County Board of Supervisors fails to appropriate the funds necessary for performance, SAZEC may provide written notice to ABOR and cancel this Agreement without further obligation of SAZEC. Appropriation is a legislative act and is beyond the control of SAZEC. No liability shall accrue to SAZEC or any other agency of Pima in the event this provision is exercised, and neither SAZEC nor any other agency of Pima County shall be obligated or liable for any future payments or for any damages as a result of termination under this paragraph.
- c. **Conflict of Interest.** The requirements of A.R.S. § 38-511 apply to this Agreement. The ABOR may, within three years after its execution, cancel this Agreement, without penalty or further obligation, if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting, or creating this Agreement on behalf of the ABOR is, at any time while this Agreement or any extension is in effect, an employee, agent, or consultant of SAZEC with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.
- d. **Arbitration.** The Parties agree to arbitrate disputes filed in Arizona Superior Court that are subject to mandatory arbitration pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-133.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the dates set forth below.

For the **SOUTHERN ARIZONA
EDUCATION COUNCIL**


Rocque Perez (Jul 6, 2026 19:37:21 PDF), Chief Executive Officer

07/06/2026

Date

For the **ARIZONA BOARD OF
REGENTS**


Chad Sampson, Executive Director

7.6.26

Date

EXHIBIT A

Peer Coach Budget Summary & School Allocations (2026–2028)

I. Budget Overview

- A. Peer Coaches Stipends: A total of up to 52 Peer Coaches per year, each receiving a \$1,000 stipend for a combined total of up to \$52,000 per year (\$104,000 total).
- B. Peer Coach Advisors Stipends: A total of up to 17 Peer Coach Advisors per year, each receiving a \$2,000 stipend, for a combined total of up to \$34,000 per year (\$68,000 total).
- C. Culmination Recognition Items: A total of up to 52 recognitions/certificates, each funded up to \$40 per Peer Coach, for a total of up to \$2,080 per year (\$4,160 total) for use at the “Evening to Empower Ed” celebratory event.
- D. FAFSA Workshop Support: A total of up to 17 schools per year, each afforded \$1,200 in a budget withheld and managed by the Southern Arizona Education Council for use by schools upon request, for a combined total of up to \$20,400 per year (\$40,800 total).

II. Anticipated Participating Districts and Schools

ABOR will work to enter into an IGA and/or agreement with the following schools to complete its responsibilities in this agreement.

- A. Marana Unified School District
 - 1. Marana High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 2. Mountain View High School: 4 Peer Coaches
- B. Tucson Unified School District
 - 1. Tucson High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 2. Pueblo High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 3. Catalina High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 4. University High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 5. Palo Verde High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 6. Cholla High School: 3 Peer Coaches
 - 7. Rincon High School: 3 Peer Coaches
- C. Amphitheater School District
 - 1. Amphitheater High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 2. Canyon del Oro High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 3. Ironwood Ridge High School: 4 Peer Coaches
- D. Sunnyside Unified School District
 - 1. Desert View High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 2. Sunnyside High School: 4 Peer Coaches

E. Vail School District

1. Andrada High School: 2 Peer Coaches
2. Empire High School: 2 Peer Coaches
3. Cienega High School: 4 Peer Coaches

Total Peer Coach Advisors: 17

Total Peer Coaches: 52

III. Overall Program Cost

The total cost of this joint project is \$114,480 per year (\$228,960 total), with a share of \$25,480.00 per year (\$50,960 total) by the SAZEC and \$89,000 per year (\$178,000 total) by ABOR.

EXHIBIT B
FAFSA PEER COACH PROJECT (PROJECT) FRAMEWORK

1. PEER COACH STRUCTURE AND GOALS

- **Peer Coach Model**

Each participating school will appoint:

- At least one Peer Coach Advisor, and
- A minimum of two Peer Coaches, or one per 100 seniors, whichever is greater, up to a maximum of four peer coaches per school.

- **Reporting**

- Peer Coaches, guided by their Peer Coach Advisors, will document the number of students served, workshops held, and FAFSAs completed (or meaningfully assisted).
- ABOR and SAZEC will jointly develop any additional metrics needed to gauge program impact (e.g., year-over-year FAFSA completion gains at each school).

EXHIBIT B CONTINUED
FAFSA PEER COACH PROJECT FRAMEWORK
FAFSA Peer Coach Milestones
Fall 2026 and Fall 2027

Milestones	Actions & Ideas
Milestone 1: Attend the two Mandatory FAFSA Peer coach trainings in the Fall and complete the FAFSA peer coach pledge form.	Fall Semester: • In-Person: TBD • Virtual: TBD
Milestone 2: Support a College Application Campaign event at your School. FAFSA Peer Coach must complete a minimum of one postsecondary application.	• Support your school at a College Application Campaign workshop. • Support in-person college application events at your school • Support district wide college application events (if applicable).
Milestone 3: Peer coaches will work with their advisor to develop a FAFSA peer coach strategy that includes using peer-to-peer social media to promote the FAFSA among their peers	• Create and post FAFSA videos, tips, deadline reminders, myth vs. facts • Share flyers, announcements, promote FAFSA events • Partner with clubs, staff, and student leaders
Milestone 4: Support an FSAID & FAFSA event at your school. The peer coach must also create FSAID and complete the FAFSA or CSS profile is unable to complete the FAFSA.	• Support your school at an FSAID & FAFSA workshops. • Support in-person FSAID & FAFSA events at your school. • Support district wide FSAID and FAFSA awareness events (if applicable).

Milestone 5: Lead peer-to-peer FAFSA outreach by integrating FAFSA awareness and support into existing student spaces such as clubs, classrooms, and athletic programs.	Partner with your FAFSA Peer Coach Advisor and peer coach team to deliver FAFSA brief presentations, share key FAFSA information, and answer questions in settings like AVID, English, economics or government classes, and sports teams.
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FAFSA PEER COACH PROJECT FRAMEWORK

FAFSA Peer Coach Milestones Spring 2027 and Spring 2028

Milestones	Actions
Milestone 1: Attend two FAFSA Peer Coach Trainings held by ABOR	Spring Semester: - Virtual: Wednesday January 20, 2027 - In-person TBD
Milestone 2: Lead targeted outreach to support FAFSA completion among priority student groups.	Work with your FAFSA Peer Coach Advisor to identify and engage seniors who have not yet completed the FAFSA, conduct direct outreach (texting, social media, or in-person), share reminders about deadlines, and encourage participation in FAFSA completion events or one-on-one support sessions.
Milestone 3: Support a Spring FAFSA event at your school.	- Support your school at a FAFSA workshop, assisting at the event and promoting it. - Support virtual or in person district FAFSA events (if applicable). - Be available for “walk-ins” through breakout rooms during school events.

Milestone 4: Celebrate the future postsecondary plans of your peers during AZ Decision Day while incorporating FAFSA completion.	Work with your FAFSA Peer Coach Advisor to provide resources and assistance to students who have not completed the FAFSA. Host a Decision Day recognition event or highlight this national event on social, and around campus to celebrate student pathways
Milestone 5: Submit an end of the year Program Survey to ABOR	Complete the online survey and submit to ABOR to provide feedback regarding the program and FAFSA Peer Coach experience.

FAFSA PEER COACH PROJECT (PROJECT) FRAMEWORK

FAFSA Peer Coach Advisor Objectives Fall 2026 and Fall 2027

Objectives	Actions
Objective 1: Attend two FAFSA Peer Coach Advisor Trainings held by ABOR during the Fall Semester.	Fall Semester: • TBD • TBD
Objective 2: Develop and submit a strategic plan to ABOR.	Develop a strategic plan as to how you and your FAFSA Peer Coaches will achieve your objectives. • What is your plan for hosting FAFSA workshop/Events? • FAFSA Outreach initiatives? • Detailed plans for how the funding provided will be used to support the FAFSA events. • How will your high school achieve a 5% or higher FAFSA completion rate? How will your high school achieve a 10% or higher FAFSA completion rate?
Objective 3: Plan, coordinate & host an FSAID & FAFSA information workshop	Work with your FAFSA Peer Coaches to assist with promoting a FAFSA information workshop for students and families. • Provide FAFSA resources to attendees- What is the FAFSA? Documents needed- tax information, banking information, important FAFSA filing dates, steps to apply etc.

Objective 4: Plan, Coordinate & host a FAFSA completion workshop	Work with your FAFSA Peer Coaches to assist with promoting a FAFSA workshop for students and families. • Invite your current high school seniors to attend. • Provide FAFSA assistance, support and resources. Post-event - Follow up with students using your FAFSA Finish Line Data
Objective 5: Lead, advise, support and motivate peer coaches	• Hold bi-weekly meetings with your FAFSA Peer Coach team to check-in on their outreach efforts. • Support the FAFSA Peer Coaches in their objectives and FAFSA initiatives. • Provide encouragement and motivation to the FAFSA Peer Coaches in their FAFSA efforts.

FAFSA Peer Coach Advisor Objectives
Spring 2027 and Spring 2028

Objectives	Actions
Objective 1: Attend two FAFSA Peer Coach Advisor Trainings held by ABOR during the Spring Semester.	Spring Semester: • Virtual: Thursday, January 14, 2027 • In-Person TBD
Objective 2: Plan, Coordinate & host a Spring FAFSA completion workshop.	Work with your FAFSA Peer Coaches to assist with promoting a Spring FAFSA workshop: • Invite your current high school seniors who have an incomplete or No FAFSA on file • Provide FAFSA assistance support and resources • Post-event - Follow up with student using your FAFSA Finish Line Data
Objective 3: Utilize Data	• Analyze your Arizona College Connect data to identify students with an incomplete FAFSA, no FAFSA on file, or selected for verification. • Develop and implement targeted outreach strategies to support these students in completing or resolving their FAFSA. • Use data insights to prioritize follow-up, personalize communication, and increase

	FAFSA completion rates among priority student groups.
Objective 4: Continue to Lead, advise, support, and motivate peer coaches	• Hold weekly or bi-weekly meetings with your FAFSA Peer Coach team to check-in on their outreach efforts. (Jan.- May) • Support the FAFSA Peer Coaches in their objectives and FAFSA initiatives • Provide encouragement and motivation to the FAFSA Peer Coaches in their FAFSA efforts.
Objective 5: Congratulate students who have completed their FAFSA	• Collaborate with your FAFSA Peer Coach team to celebrate students who have completed a FAFSA. • Celebrate the college-going students on your campus. • Hold a FAFSA/College celebration event on your campus (day event or week celebration if applicable)
Objective 6: Submit an end-of-the-year Program Survey to ABOR	Complete the online survey and submit it to ABOR to provide feedback regarding the program

ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
AMENDMENT TO FAFSA PEER COACH PROJECT AGREEMENT
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AND
ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS (ABOR)

This Amendment amends the FAFSA Peer Coach Project Agreement between Southern Arizona Education Council ("SAZEC") and the Arizona Board of Regents ("ABOR") effective July 1, 2026, ("Agreement"). The Agreement is amended as follows:

1. This Amendment is effective August 10, 2026.
2. The Parties wish to add 2 schools, 2 FAFSA Peer Coach Advisors and 5 FAFSA Peer Coaches. The Amendment also corrects an error regarding the number of FAFSA Peer Coaches which originally should have been 54 instead of 52. With the 5 additional FAFSA Peer Coaches being added the total will now be 59.
3. Section 4. Roles and Responsibilities is amended by replacing the first bullet under "ABOR Shall" with the following:
 - Provide stipend funding for participating FAFSA Peer Coach Advisors and FAFSA Peer Coaches in participating Pima County schools:
 - Advisors: \$2,000 per advisor- not to exceed 19 Advisors/\$38,000 in total for all Participating Pima Schools per school year.
 - Peer Coaches: \$1,000 per peer coach- not to exceed 59 Peer Coaches/\$59,000 in total for all Participating Pima Schools per school year.
 - 5 Districts, and not to exceed 19 schools across these districts during the duration of this agreement.

In addition, the fourth bullet under "AZSEC Shall" is replaced with the following:

- Provide programming support funds to participating schools not to exceed a total allocation of \$22,800.
4. Section 5. Compensation and Budget is amended to read as follows:
 5. **COMPENSATION AND BUDGET**

The budget of this project is more clearly detailed in Exhibit A. The maximum total cost of this joint project is \$128,160 per year (\$256,320 total), with a share of at most \$28,160 per year (\$56,320 total) by the SAZEC and at most \$100,000 per year (\$200,000 total) by ABOR. The money will be distributed as follows:

Program Responsibilities and Funding Allocation Per Year

Responsible Party	Item/Activity	Quantity/Units	Unit Rate	Maximum Amount
ABOR: to be paid to the districts	Peer Coach Stipends	Up to 59	\$1,000.00	\$59,000.00
ABOR: to be paid to the districts	Peer Coach Advisor Stipends	Up to 19	\$2,000.00	\$38,000.00
ABOR (Paid to SAZEC)	Work-Study Support Position (Paid to SAZEC)	50%	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
SAZEC	Work-Study Support Position Support	50%	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
SAZEC	FAFSA Workshop Support	19 Participating Schools	\$1,200.00	\$22,800.00
SAZEC	Culmination Recognition Items	59 Items	\$40.00	\$2,360.00

Maximum Funding Per Year Summary

Responsible Party	Maximum Amount
ABOR	\$100,000.00
SAZEC	\$28,160.00

6. Exhibit A of the Agreement is amended to read as set forth in the attached revised Exhibit A.
7. This Amendment to the Agreement is determined to be advantageous for both parties.
8. Except as set forth above, the terms of the Agreement remain unchanged.

ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS

By 
 Chad Sampson
 Executive Director

SOUTHERN ARIZONA EDUCATION COUNCIL

By 
 Rocque Perez
 Executive Director

Date: August 10, 2026 Date: Aug 10, 2026

EXHIBIT A (Revised)

Peer Coach Budget Summary & School Allocations (2026–2028)

I. Budget Overview

- A. Peer Coaches Stipends: A total of up to 59 Peer Coaches per year, each receiving a \$1,000 stipend for a combined total of up to \$59,000 per year (\$118,000 total).
- B. Peer Coach Advisors Stipends: A total of up to 19 Peer Coach Advisors per year, each receiving a \$2,000 stipend, for a combined total of up to \$38,000 per year (\$76,000 total).
- C. Culmination Recognition Items: A total of up to 59 recognitions/certificates, each funded up to \$40 per Peer Coach, for a total of up to \$2,360 per year (\$4,720 total) for use at the “Evening to Empower (ED)” celebratory event.
- D. FAFSA Workshop Support: A total of up to \$22,800 in funding per year (\$45,600 total) for expanded FAFSA initiatives and school-based events at 19 schools directed to the applicable district. AZSEC will pay this funding per year to each school upon request.

II. Anticipated Participating Districts, Schools, and Number of Peer Coaches

ABOR will work to enter into an IGA and/or agreement with the following schools to complete its responsibilities in this agreement. If such an agreement is not possible, then the Parties shall determine if other schools should be substituted for the below.

- A. Marana Unified School District
 - 1. Marana High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 2. Mountain View High School: 4 Peer Coaches
- B. Tucson Unified School District
 - 1. Tucson High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 2. Pueblo High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 3. Catalina High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 4. University High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 5. Palo Verde High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 6. Cholla High School: 3 Peer Coaches
 - 7. Rincon High School: 3 Peer Coaches
 - 8. Sabino High School: 2 Peer Coaches
- C. Amphitheater School District
 - 1. Amphitheater High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 2. Canyon del Oro High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 3. Ironwood Ridge High School: 4 Peer Coaches

- D. Sunnyside Unified School District
 - 1. Desert View High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 2. Sunnyside High School: 4 Peer Coaches
- E. Vail School District
 - 1. Andrada High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 2. Empire High School: 2 Peer Coaches
 - 3. Cienega High School: 4 Peer Coaches
 - 4. Mica Mountain High School: 3 Peer Coaches

Total Peer Coach Advisors: 19

Total Peer Coaches: 59

III. Overall Program Cost

The total cost of this joint project is \$128,160 per year (\$256,320 total), with a share of \$28,160 per year (\$56,320 total) by the SAZEC and \$100,000 per year (\$200,000 total) by ABOR.

Item #5B
2025-2026 Agreements and Confirmations:
Southern Arizona College & Career Night Venue Agreement



LEGENDS GLOBAL TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER

260 S. Church Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85701
520-791-4101

PERMIT NO: 65-73844-2026-09

LICENSE AGREEMENT

SUMMARY OF BASIC TERMS

The following Basic Terms are incorporated into the License Agreement entered into by and between Legends Global ("Operator") and Southern Arizona Education Council (formally Metropolitan Education Commission) ("Licensee").

EVENT: College Night
LICENSE DATE: 9/29/2026

LICENSEE ADDRESS:

Southern Arizona Education Council (formally Metropolitan Education Commission)

Mr. Rocque Perez

1080 S 10th Ave

Tucson, Arizona 85701

LICENSEE TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

LICENSEE E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

EVENT TYPE: Trade Shows - 710

LICENSE PERIOD AND AUTHORIZED AREA:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Rental</u>
Exhibit Hall B, C	Performance	09/29/2026	8:00 AM - 10:00 PM	\$4,600.00
Subtotal				\$4,600.00
3.1% Rental Tax				\$142.60
Total Rental				<u>\$4,742.60</u>

Cancellation of space being held under "Licensed Period and Authorized Areas" of this License Agreement will not decrease the rental amount as stated herein. Any addition of space will be charged at the ongoing rate at the time of the adjustment and will increase the stated amount.

DEPOSIT: \$2,000.00 due upon receipt of this Permit

ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- TCC contract may not be amended or modified. Event specific accommodations will be noted under Special Conditions and/or within an Addendum, which will be applied to the contract.
- RENTAL RATE: INCLUDES (200) 8' tables and (400) chairs and Wi-Fi
- RENATL RATE: Does NOT include Pipe & Drape, Food & Beverage, Exhibitor/Vendor table Linens, Power or Dedicated Internet, Security, Ushering, Ticket Takers, Fire Watch, Bag Checkers, Off Duty Police, EMS, Fire Marshall Services, Audio Visual, Rhino Staging, Housekeeping, Ticketing, Facility Fees, Drayage, or any other third party services.

Date: _____

By: _____
Name: Craig Barkdull
Its: General Manager

OPERATOR, LEGENDS GLOBAL as managing agent for City of Tucson

LICENSEE SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT BY LICENSEE, PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF THE FOREGOING AGREEMENT, OF A COMPLETE COPY OF THE EVENT PLANNING GUIDE REFERRED TO AND INCORPORATED THEREIN.

Date: 5/20/26

By:  _____
Name: Rocque Perez
Its: CEO

LICENSEE: **Southern Arizona Education Council (formally Metropolitan Education Commission)**

DATED: 4/28/2026

KBC/cc

Item #5C
2025-2026 Agreements and Confirmations:
Teen Town Hall and 20 Under 20 Venue Confirmations

Subject: RE: Teen Town Hall & 20 Under 20

Date: Monday, August 3, 2026 at 4:12:34 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: Kathryn [REDACTED] pima.gov>

To: Rocque Pere [REDACTED]

CC: Michelle [REDACTED] pima.gov>, ZySeer [REDACTED] pima.gov>

Hi Rocque,

Sure! We will hold that date.

Thank you,

Kathryn [REDACTED]
Events Manager

[REDACTED]

Pima County Attractions & Tourism

From: Rocque Perez [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August , : PM

To: Kathryn [REDACTED] pima.gov>

Cc: Michelle [REDACTED] pima.gov>; ZySeer [REDACTED] pima.gov>

Subject: Re: Teen Town Hall & 20 Under 20

CAUTION: This message and sender come from outside Pima County. If you did not expect this message, proceed with caution. Verify the sender's identity before performing any action, such as clicking on a link or opening an attachment.

Hi there,

Thank you for scheduling our Teen Town Hall for Nov. 16! For 20 Under 20, we should be fine to proceed with Thursday, December 10. Can we please hold and I get back to you within a week?

Thank you,

Rocque Perez

From: Kathryn [REDACTED] pima.gov>

Date: Thursday, August , : 6 AM

To: Rocque Pere [REDACTED]

Cc: Michelle [REDACTED] pima.gov>; ZySeer [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Teen Town Hall & 20 Under 20