ADE Values

✓ Ensuring each student and family has access to a high-quality school and excellent education

✓ Equity and supporting ALL students’ success, wellness, and access to opportunity

✓ Respectful, safe, and inclusive environments for students, families, and educators

✓ A robust, statewide teaching profession where educators can grow and thrive professionally and personally

✓ Providing the public with transparent, reliable data and factual information
Priority Issues

- **Elevate the Teaching Profession**
  - Increase funding and recruit and retain high-quality teachers
  - Advance professional development and optimal working conditions

- **School & Student Academic Success**
  - Close achievement gaps and improve performance of ALL schools
  - Promote effective teaching & learning frameworks

- **School Safety & Social Wellness**
  - Implement Arizona’s school safety grant program, and promote a multidisciplinary team approach
  - Develop policies and guidance based on recommendations from the school safety taskforce and social wellness committee

- **Multilingual Education**
  - Develop effective models and frameworks for language immersion
  - Create certification policies for needed teacher workforce

- **Data Governance & Technology Systems**
  - Provide clear, transparent, and reliable data to the public
  - Modernize technology systems for collecting and reporting data, grants management, and school finance
Agency FY21 Budget Priorities

- Investigations Unit
- Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs)
- Adult Education
- Office of Indian Education (OIE)
- School Improvement
- School Payment System (APOR/CHAR)
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| Investigations              | $1.1 million (additional $556,000) 5 new FTEs (4 investigators, 1 admin) | -Efficiently address current and future caseloads  
-Provide a safer school environment for students and personnel throughout Arizona |
| ESAs                        | $4.4 million (additional $3.2 million) 20 new FTEs | -Fully meet program needs and growth  
-Better-serve families by offering technical assistance and decrease application processing times |
| Adult Education             | $5.7 million (additional $1.2 million) [Pass-through $s for programs] | -Support long waiting list of adults and disconnected youth seeking high school equivalency degrees and workforce certifications.  
-Secure federal WIOA funds |
| Office of Indian Education  | $150,000 1 new FTE and program funds            | -Increase programmatic capacity to advance the academic achievement and wellness of Native American students. |
| School Improvement          | $4.5 million 5 new FTEs and pass-through $’s   | -Support for evidence-based initiatives and comprehensive school improvement plans for Arizona’s 170 “D” schools  
-Advance and sustain academic and wellness outcomes for students. |
| Payment System Replacement  | $0 (FY21 placeholder)                           | -Continue the replacement and modernization of the State’s school finance system. |
ADE Legislative Action for 2020

• Support policy development for special education funding
• Support ballot referral to repeal Arizona’s “English-only” law
• Updates to existing laws that impact ADE
• Streamline administrative funding for existing state programs
• Support and respond to bills that align with priority issues; defend against harmful policies