



ASBA Board of Directors Resolution Supporting a Complete Count in the Decennial U.S. 2020 Census

Whereas, the United States Census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, enumerates every person in the country, regardless of citizenship status, and is fundamental to fair and representative government;

Whereas, the 2020 decennial census has critical implications for the state of Arizona, and determines its allocation of seats in the House of Representatives and billions of dollars in federal funding;

Whereas, a fair and accurate count on the 2020 U.S. Census will help ensure that Arizona's communities, families and students are represented in our democracy and receive critical services and supports for education, healthcare, transportation and infrastructure, including rural utilities and broadband;

Whereas, census counts of school-aged children and children in poverty at the state and school district levels are used to determine funding for the U.S. Department of Education's two biggest elementary and secondary programs, Title I (compensatory education) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (special education), as well as the National School Lunch Program;

Whereas, census data are used to calculate the rate at which federal funds match state spending on programs that support the health and well-being of Arizona students, including Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP);

Whereas, a significant number of Arizonans reside in underdeveloped rural areas, including tribal lands, and census data impacts the state's share of Rural Electrification and Rural Broadband access loans;

Whereas, Arizona is home to sizable populations that have historic low census participation and are most frequently undercounted, including children, immigrants, Latinos and Native Americans;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arizona School Boards Association will:

- Inform its member school districts and other leaders within the education community about the critical importance of a complete count and activities, process and timeline for the 2020 U.S. Census;
- Provide technical assistance to its member school districts and other leaders within the education community to assist them in promoting the 2020 U.S. Census within their own communities to ensure a complete count;
- Work in partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as organizations focused on traditionally undercounted communities to explore other activities and maximize opportunities to ensure a complete count;
- And, further, recognizes that every Arizona child and adult counts.

Passed, approved and adopted by the Arizona School Boards Association Board of Directors on this ____ day of _____, 2019.