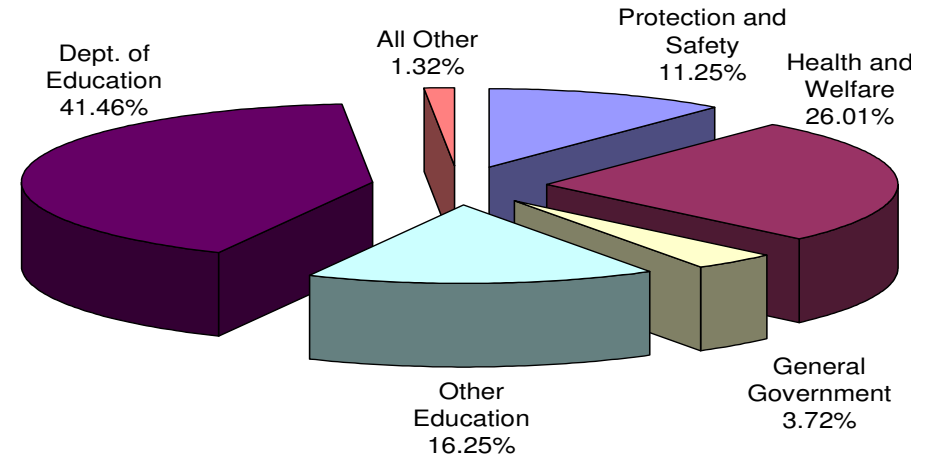


I) **Senator Melvin's Legislative Priorities:**

- 1. Border Security:** To stop deaths in the desert and to save \$2 billion a year related to illegal aliens regarding hospitalization, education and incarceration.
- 2. Improved K-12 Education:** Through maximum parental school choice. Sen. McCain has stated: "K-12 reform is the civil rights issue of this century." With Catalina Foothills, Amphi, Marana and Flowing Wells, LD 26 has some of the finest school districts and schools in the USA.
- 3. Tax Relief:** For all businesses and property owners throughout Arizona. This is a key factor in attracting new businesses and jobs to Arizona.
- 4. Water Management:** Including water desalination.
- 5. Cleaner Environment:** Through more affordable and sustainable energy including solar, wind, and especially nuclear power.
- 6. Tort Reform:** To stop frivolous lawsuits that increase healthcare costs and put a drag on business and job growth.
- 7. Balanced Budget:** Real balanced budget and total government transparency to stop wasteful spending.
- 8. Economic Growth:** By sustaining current Arizona businesses and jobs and attracting out of state companies and jobs, especially from California, that want to flee over-taxation, over-regulation and over-unionization.
- 9. Public Safety:** Fully support first responders including police and fire departments.
- 10. No Kill Animal Shelters:** By 2020, by making inexpensive spaying and neutering available throughout Arizona starting in 2010.

IV) **Summary of Appropriated Funds By Agency FY 2007-08
 General Fund Only**



II) **Budget Information**

Budget Information			
<i>In Millions of Dollars</i>			
	FY 2009	FY 2010	
Prior Year Deficit Carry-forward	N/A	\$200	
Current Year Added Deficit	\$1,800	\$3,750	
Total:	\$1,800	\$3,950	
Fed Stimulus Money	\$750	\$1,200	
FY 2009 Reductions	\$600	\$600	
FY 2010 Reductions	N/A	\$500	
Asset Sales		\$600	
Fund Transfers		\$350	
Funding Shifts		\$150	
Delayed Payments		\$150	
Other	\$250	\$200	
Total:	\$1,600	\$3,750	
Net Remaining Deficit:	\$200	\$200	

III) **K-12 Spending Information**

K-12 Spending Changes (In Millions of Dollars)									
Reductions in:	All Schools	Some Schools / Other	*Prop Tax Shifts	Net Reduction		K-12 Reduction as a % of:			Per Pupil Reductions (ADM: 1,068,208)
				To GF	To K-12	**GF (\$4.6 B)	All AZ Funds (\$9.2 B)	All Funds (\$10.3 B)	
2009	123	10	0	133	133	2.9%	1.4%	1.3%	\$126
Proposed Additional	175	46	53	274	221	4.8%	2.3%	2.2%	\$209
Totals:	298	56	53	407	354	7.7%	3.8%	3.5%	\$335

* Prop Tax Shifts do not impact school budgets, but will shift some GF expenditures to local property taxes. The tax shifts relate to education funding specific to certain districts or situations, and the shift is an attempt to promote greater equity in the school finance system.
 ** Excludes the effects of the K-12 Rollover(s)

V) **Arizona Rankings**

	Rank	Year *
Education Funding		
** Estimated Funding Per Pupil (from all sources): \$9700	N/A	2009
** Estimated Funding Total (from all sources): \$10.3 Billion	N/A	2009
Funding Per Classroom of Students	16 th	2007
Academic Achievement		
ACT Composite Scores	21 st	2008
SAT Composite Scores	31 st	2008
Weighted SAT Scores	7 th	2008
Overall Academic Achievement	33 rd	2008
Average Salaries and Salary Trends		
Beginning Teachers	20 th	2007
Beginning Teachers Relative to Per Capita Income	3 rd	2007
Beginning Teachers Salary Trends (2-year)	3 rd	2007
Teachers	31 st	2007
Teachers Relative to Per Capita Income	20 th	2007
Teacher Salary Trends (2-year)	2 nd	2007
Teacher Salary Trends (10-year)	23 rd	2007

* For the sake of consistency, the year referenced was the most recent year from which all data could be calculated.
 ** Does not include modifications made to address the FY 2009 or FY 2010 budget shortfalls

Sources:

- *1: (ALEC-American Legislative Exchange Council) www.alec.org/am/
- *2: (NEA-National Education Association) www.nea.org/assets
- *3: (BEA-Bureau of Economic Analysis) www.bea.gov/regional/spi/