

## STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE** 

Katie Hobbs Governor

April 16, 2024

The Honorable Warren Petersen President of the Senate Arizona State Senate 1700 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Senate Bill 1097: school districts; partisan elections

President Petersen,

Today, I vetoed Senate Bill 1097. This bill will further the politicization and polarization of Arizona's school district governing boards whose focus should remain on making the best decisions for students. Partisan politics do not belong in Arizona's schools.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs Governor

State of Arizona

cc:

The Honorable Ben Toma The Honorable Justine Wadsack The Honorable Adrian Fontes