

## **AASBO Data Collection Analysis Project**

AASBO is entering the fifth year of our Data Collection Project. This project was implemented to provide accurate information to state policy makers regarding questions related to school district funding and expenditures. AASBO believes the Data Collection and Analysis Project has helped state leaders to better understand the impact of changes to the state funding formula on individual districts. In addition, reports from this project have helped state leaders to better understand how school districts' expenditures differ between districts. We believe that the Data Collection Project has helped prevent changes to the school funding formula that would have reduced funding to schools by tens of millions of dollars.

The project also provides individual school districts with the ability to compare your district's expenditures and revenue to similar Arizona school districts. For example, you can compare the percentage of your M and O budget that is expended on employee benefits. The areas that can be compared are almost endless. Every item on your expenditure budget, worksheets or Annual Financial Report (AFR) can be compared to other similar school districts. We currently have over 250 comparison reports available and this number will continue to increase. And, if you identify a new report that would benefit you, we will create it and add it to the list of available reports.

The system to compare expenditures and revenues between districts has been greatly simplified and is much faster. It only takes three easy steps. First, you log on to the system and enter your password. Second, you pick the report you want. Third, your report is available for your review. At this point you can print the report and /or download it to your own computer in Excel. You can analyze revenue and expenditures from the 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 budgets, as well as the 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Annual Financial Reports.

By having your district join the 2010 AASBO Data Collection Project, you help AASBO:

- Make valuable school finance information available to the Legislature and the Governor's Office and other organizations that help K-12 education
- Provide your district with a very cost-effective tool to analyze and compare your district expenditures and revenues with those of other districts (over 250 individual reports)
- Provide your district with a new tool that will help school districts compare staffing patterns with other school districts
- Create the opportunity for staff from your district to participate in valuable and informative AASBO Web Seminars

You can help make valuable school finance information available to the Legislature and the Governor's Office and have a resource available to your district by joining the AASBO Data Collection and Analysis Project. The total project is funded by the fees paid by individual school districts. The fees are based upon the size of district, with higher fees for larger districts.

If your district has not already joined, please complete the attached form to become a member of the AASBO Data Collection and Analysis Project. Please return this form and payment to our AASBO office at 2100 N. Central Ave., Suite 202, Phoenix, AZ, 85004, to participate in this project. Thank you for becoming a member of the AASBO Data Collection and Analysis Project. Please call Chuck Essigs at 602-253-5576, Ext. 122, if you have questions.



# 2010 Arizona Association of School Business Officials Data Collection and Analysis Project Subscription Form

**Please Print**

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, AZ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscription Fee (Check appropriate box):

Size of District *	2009-2010 Membership Fee	
40,000 +	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$4,550
30,000 – 39,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$4,150
20,000 – 29,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$3,700
10,000 – 19,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$3,300
5,000 – 9,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,800
2,500 – 4,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,400
1,000 – 2,499	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,000
600 - 999	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,100
Less than 600	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 900

\* Based upon the resident student count for grades PSD-12 utilized for the 2009-2010 Budget

Please return the subscription form and payment (payable to AASBO) to:

**AASBO**  
**2100 Central Ave., Suite 202**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85004**  
**Fax: 602-253-5764**