



A PROPOSED RESOLUTION: THE MESA EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE

April 2021



EDUCATION STRATEGIES TO DATE

Mesa Early
Childhood
Education Task
Force

Mesa K Ready
Early Learning
Network

Mesa Achieves
Higher Education
Task Force

Mesa Counts on
College

Mesa Chamber
Education
Committee

East Valley
Economic
Development
Team

Mesa Community
College Business
Education
Committee

EVP-Education
Committee

Adopted Achieve
60AZ

Council 2021
Strategic Priority





If passed, the Resolution would create the Mesa Education and Workforce Development Roundtable.

The Resolution would establish the purpose, mission, membership, and responsibilities of the Roundtable.



**SUGGESTED
PURPOSE
AND MISSION**

Centralized body to streamline and coordinate efforts to advance Mesa's education and workforce development goals.

Track Mesa's progress. Update and make recommendations to City Council.

Continue Mesa's prior efforts including of the Mesa Achieves Higher Education Task Force. .

Work in partnership with experts in education, business leaders, nonprofit organizations, and Mesa residents.



Position Based

- Superintendent of Mesa Public Schools
- Superintendent of Gilbert Public Schools
- Superintendent of Queen Creek Unified School District
- Superintendent of Higley Unified School District
- President of Mesa Community College
- President of Arizona State University
- President of Benedictine University
- President of Mesa Chamber of Commerce

Impact Based

- 1 or 2 City Councilmembers
- 1 member of the Mesa Public Schools Governing Board
- 1-3 executive directors of nonprofits, early learning experts, or diversity and inclusion professionals
- 1-2 executives of Mesa businesses
- 1 Educator
- 1 Parent



Goal of quarterly meetings.



Minutes will be sent to City Council.



Goal of a yearly report updating City Council on Mesa's progress and recommending means to align with council strategic initiative: education and workforce.



Roundtable can create subcommittees tasked with specific responsibilities.

ROUNDTABLE OPERATIONS





SAMPLE GOALS

Increase enrollment of Mesa residents in early childhood through post-secondary education

Achieve higher educational attainment (including professional certificates, licenses, degrees)

Provide resources for people on their education pathways to help them reach their education goals

Conduct studies on the workforce in Mesa and **recommend** means to increase job opportunities and retention

Collaborate to meet local, regional, and State goals

CEMENTS OUR EFFORTS TO CREATE BOTH THRIVING BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS IN MESA.

Residents will benefit from a solid earned income and future employers' benefit from educated, well trained employees.

