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Endowment Payments to Arizona Schools Increasing by Millions K-12 Receiving \$1.75 Million More Per Month Starting in July 2019

PHOENIX, AZ – At today's State Board of Investment (BOI) meeting, Arizona Treasurer Kimberly Yee announced that the \$5.7 Billion Permanent Land Endowment Trust Fund (PLETF) will pay a record distribution of \$368 Million to all PLETF beneficiaries in FY 2020, a 6.5% increase from this fiscal year's \$345.4 Million in distributions. The larger payout, which begins in July 2019, is a product of better investment performance which led to greater PLETF market value.

"One of my most important responsibilities as Treasurer is to grow the Endowment for all beneficiaries and especially funds directed to current and future generations of our Arizona school children. The Treasury continues to achieve this goal to positively impact Arizona taxpayers," Treasurer Yee said.

As approved by the State Board of Investment at today's meeting, K-12 schools will receive more than \$342 Million of the new distribution amount. That number is nearly \$21 Million more than this year, or approximately \$1.75 Million more per month, which is a 6.53% increase over FY 2019.

"Through our strategic investment strategy, we have succeeded in growing the Endowment and this will bring millions more to Arizona schools. As a result, I'm happy to report that schools across the state will receive higher payments, nearly \$1.75 Million more per month, for FY 2020," Yee added.

Congress gave Arizona millions of acres of trust land at statehood as an endowment. When parcels are sold, the Treasurer invests the proceeds in the PLETF and makes monthly distributions to 13 beneficiaries. The largest beneficiary is the K-12 school system receiving approximately 93% of all distributions which are calculated yearly at 6.9% of the PLETF's 5-year average market value. Payments begin in July each year, but the new distribution amount is calculated at the end of the previous calendar year.

About the Arizona Office of the State Treasurer

The State Treasurer is responsible for the banking and investment management duties for the state, provides investment services to local governments, and manages the Land Endowment (PLETF) which primarily benefits K-12 public schools. The Treasury has more than \$15 Billion in assets under management and stewards the cash management of Arizona's \$40 Billion state budget. Kimberly Yee is the 36th Treasurer of Arizona.