



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: April 12, 2011

TITLE: Study of Proposed Policy JICL Regarding Dating Abuse.

BACKGROUND: The 2010 Legislature, via SB 1308, amended A.R.S. §15-702.01 to provide that governing boards of districts educating students in grades seven (7) through twelve (12) SHALL:

- Conduct a public meeting to review and consider incorporating age-appropriate dating abuse information into the district's health curriculum, including:
 - A definition of dating abuse.
 - Recognition of dating abuse warning signs.
 - Characteristics of healthy relationships.
- Notify a local domestic violence organization of the date and time of the public meeting at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

The public meeting may be conducted as a segment of a regular board meeting or a standalone special meeting.

It is important to note that, although the law requires the board to conduct a public meeting on a dating abuse policy, the board is NOT required under the law to adopt ANY policy changes whatsoever. The law merely mandates a discussion and consideration of a dating abuse policy - not the acceptance and approval of one. A school district that adopted a dating abuse policy before July 29, 2010 is exempt from the requirement to conduct a meeting.

The statute also directs that the district provide parent/guardians the opportunity to review the dating abuse information instructional materials within a reasonable time after submitting a written request. (The District makes all of its instructional materials available to parent/guardians upon request.)

SB 1308 also created A.R.S. §15-342.02, which provides that a school district governing board MAY prescribe and enforce policies and procedures:

- to address incidents of dating abuse involving students at school
- that MAY be based on a model dating abuse policy.

The Arizona School Board Association Policy Services has developed a model dating abuse policy, along with an administrative regulation and an exhibit form, all of which can be modified to the District's specifications, if desired. Those items are attached for the Board's review.

RECOMMENDATION: This proposed policy is presented for study at this time and will be presented again in the future for action.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: May 4, 2011

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