

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ARIZONA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
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PROPOSAL FOR 2013 ASBA ACTION

The Governing Board of Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona presents the following proposal for ASBA action as directed by the Governing Board on April 10, 2012.

In support of Political Agenda Belief Statements #1 (Advocacy for Children and Student Needs) and #5 (Funding), ASBA will take the following action on the **Legislative** Agenda:

Subject:

Promote increased funding for support of programs and services for Limited English Proficient Students

Action Proposed:

Seek legislation that immediately and adequately supports the specialized instructional needs of Arizona's students who have limited proficiency in English, as required by the Flores order.

Sponsor Rationale:

The specialized instructional needs of students with limited English proficiency demand additional funding and resources in order to enable equal educational opportunity for those students. The Flores decision recognizes this, but despite the order of the court, no additional funding has been allocated by the Legislature. The Legislature has mandated study of the issue to determine the level of funding required. As this pending study progresses, however, is certainly possible and appropriate for an initial amount of funding to be allocated. Given the real "costs" experienced by students through further delay (that being the continuing lack of equal opportunity already recognized in the Flores decision), there is in fact no sound reason to delay all funding.