



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

DATE OF MEETING: May 9, 2023

TITLE: Determination of Proposed Issues for Consideration for the Arizona School Boards Association 2024 Political Agenda

BACKGROUND:

The Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA), of which the District is a member, is holding its annual ASBA Delegate Assembly on September 9, 2023. The Delegate Assembly determines ASBA's positions for any future Special Sessions of the current legislature and for the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-sixth Legislature (and any special meetings).

While the current legislative session is still ongoing, ASBA is planning ahead for next year and asking that individual Governing Boards review its 2024 Political Agenda (attached) and identify the District's top five (5) priorities and two (2) additional alternative priorities from it. ASBA wants these proposals to be submitted by May 24, 2023, so that it can use them to develop a 2024 Political Agenda. Therefore, this agenda item is being provided to permit the Board's discussion and vote to occur at this meeting.

In addition, the below information about the Board's 2022 ASBA submissions (approved May 2022) and the Board's own 2023 legislative priorities (approved January 2023) is provided for the benefit of the Board's discussion about the item.

2022 ASBA Submissions

On May 24, 2022, the Governing Board identified the following five (5) priorities for submission to the ASBA:

1. Provide adequate funding for K-12 Education
2. Maintain desegregation funding
3. Provide user-friendly and practical reporting requirements and provide funding support for the same.
4. Protect and support educator due process rights.
5. Hold school districts harmless from the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Governing Board's 2023 Legislative Priorities

On January 31, 2023, the Governing Board identified its own priorities for the current legislative session. After classifying the importance of addressing the Aggregate Expenditure Limit (AEL) as top priority, the Governing Board emphasized that the state needs to prioritize applying any salary increases for state employees equally to school district employees for FY 23-24. Furthermore, the Governing Board identified the following additional legislative priorities for Amphitheater Public Schools:

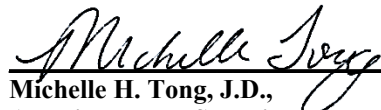
1. Provide adequate funding for K-12 Education
2. Maintain desegregation funding
3. Provide user-friendly and practical reporting requirements and provide funding support for the same

4. Protect and support educator due process rights
5. Establish a school funding program that meets post-pandemic needs of Arizona families

RECOMMENDATION:

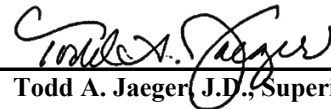
This Item is presented for the Board's consideration and discussion of proposed Action Agenda Items for submission to the ASBA Legislation Committee. By motion, the Board will need to state their recommended top five legislative priorities (and two alternative recommendations) for submission to ASBA.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: May 2, 2023



Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent