



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

DATE OF MEETING: August 7, 2012

TITLE: Study of Proposed Revision to Governing Board Policy JQ Regarding Student Fees, Fines and Charges.

BACKGROUND: While the Arizona Constitution, in accordance with the Enabling Act of 1910, prescribes a free public education in the State's K-12 system, schools are permitted to charge and assess limited fees and other charges to support extracurricular programs and other activities which exceed the requirements of state-mandated curriculum and programming.

The Governing Board provides for this reality in Policy JQ. The Board, through its policy, also recognizes that some families may have financial constraints that preclude their ability to pay fees, however limited they may be. A.R.S. 15-342 extends authority to the Board to charge fees, but requires that authority be provided to school principals to waive all or a part of any fee fees in circumstances where assessment would create an economic hardship for a specific student.

Existing Governing Board Policy Exhibit JQ-E already provides for this waiver potential, but it is recommended the Board adopt the revision to Policy JQ shown in the attachment to make this authorization a clear expression of the Board's policy. (Policy exhibits do not carry the force of policy).

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for the Board's study at this time. The policy revision draft will be presented again in late August for the Board's action.

INITIATED BY:

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Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: August 1, 2012

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Patrick Nelson, Superintendent