



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **June 18, 2013**

**TITLE:**    **Approval of a Change in Course Names – Middle School Math**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Recently, the district adopted new math materials to align with the Arizona Common Core State Standards (CCSS). As a result, we would like to propose that the names of the math courses offered at the middle school change as follows:

| <u>Current Title</u> | <u>Proposed Change</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Sixth Grade Math     | Math – Course One      |
| Seventh Grade Math   | Math – Course Two      |
| Pre-algebra          | Math – Course Three    |

The reason for this recommendation is that the CCSS does not include a class called pre-algebra. For many years, parents and students have been used to seeing “Pre-algebra” listed as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade math class. The curriculum in CCSS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math is significantly different from pre-algebra and, in fact, contains many elements which have been taught in our Algebra I courses. The same can be said for what we’ve been calling Sixth Grade Math and/or Seventh Grade Math; new CCSS now address far more rigorous math concepts.

Current classes in Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II offered at the middle school would retain their titles.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This item is presented for the Governing Board’s consideration and approval.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent

Date: June 18, 2013

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Patrick Nelson, Superintendent