



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:** November 15, 2011

**TITLE:** Approval of Renewal of Affiliation Agreement between the District and the Arizona Board of Regents on Behalf of the University of Arizona College of Nursing

**BACKGROUND:** In December, 1991, Amphitheater Public Schools entered into an agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents to permit the use of district facilities by the University of Arizona for clinical, educational, research and public service programs for the education and training of health sciences students. The term of this Agreement was originally effective through December 31, 1992 and has been renewed multiple times since.

This Agreement specifically allowed for student nurses to “shadow” the Director of Nursing or a school nurse at the middle, K-8 or high school level. The students learn how the school nurse conducts her day including vision, hearing, and other health screenings. Because the students are not fingerprinted at this point in their school career, they are always paired with a licensed RN employed by the District. If they are fingerprinted in their Senior year, then they will take on more school nurse responsibilities, again being partnered with a School Nurse. Student nurses under this program have been instrumental in performing community health needs assessments for many District schools.

The University’s form of agreement provided that it “shall automatically be renewed each year; except that either party may at any time with or without cause cancel this Agreement with four (4) months advance notice in writing.” (The University requires automatic renewal language in its Agreements.)

Since the District last renewed its Agreement with the University, the College has updated its Agreement language. Accordingly, the Affiliation Agreement is in need of revision. The attached form of Agreement is currently in use by the College of Nursing. If approved, the term of this Agreement will be until September 20, 2012 with automatic renewal and extension each year. Of course, both parties have the right to terminate the relationship with ninety (90) days advance notice in writing.

Renewal of this Agreement will permit the University of Arizona to continue to provide nursing services to District students, while at the same time providing education and training to their own students.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The Administration recommends the Board approve the renewal of the Agreement.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: November 9, 2011

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Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent