GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: May 12, 2020

TITLE: **Study of Proposed 2020-2021 Code of Conduct**

BACKGROUND:
State law mandates that the Governing Board hold students accountable for misconduct at school and on the way to and from school. For this reason, the Governing Board is annually presented a proposed Code of Conduct for the following school year to establish rules for student behavior and appropriate consequences for violations of those rules. In some respects, state and federal law compel specific outcomes to some degree, such as where a student threatens the safety or security of a school campus or a student possesses a firearm. Once approved, the Code of Conduct is provided to students and their families, as well as reviewed with students at the beginning of the school year, so there is a clear understanding of the Board's rules of conduct for students.

Prior to submission of this agenda item to the Governing Board, suggestions for revisions and clarifications of the 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct were solicited from District and site administrators. Administrators responsible for maintaining safety and security in the District work closely with the Code of Conduct on a daily basis. They have experience with applications of the Code's provisions and can provide invaluable insight about any necessary revisions. In addition, a task force was created this year to confirm that the proposed Code of Conduct aligns with recent guidance from the United States Department of Education on student discipline. The draft being proposed for 2020-2021 addresses the communications from District and site administration and the task force.

RECOMMENDATION:
This Board item is presented to permit the Board to study and provide any direction concerning the proposed 2020-2021 Code of Conduct.

INITIATED BY:

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