



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

DATE OF MEETING: **November 19, 2019**

TITLE: **Study of November 5, 2019 Election Results**

BACKGROUND:

On November 5, 2019, Amphitheater’s voters approved two budget override propositions. Proposition 475, authorizing the continuation of Amphitheater’s current 10% maintenance and operations budget override, passed with a margin of 5,904 votes. Similarly, Proposition 476, adding a 3.5% special programs override designed to provide more benefits for Amphitheater students in Kindergarten through Third Grade, was approved by a margin of 4,687 votes. This agenda item permits the Governing Board to study the election results for both propositions.

**Proposition 475
Continuing the 10% Maintenance and Operations Budget Override**

Proposition 475 authorizes continuing the existing 10% maintenance and operations budget override that has been in place since 2005. The Pima County Elections Department reports the election results for Proposition 475 as follows:

PROPOSITION 475		
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST. 10 (VOTE FOR) 1		
YES	18,784	59.32%
NO.	12,880	40.68%

By approving Proposition 475, Amphitheater’s voters have approved keeping the existing 10% budget increase in place for an additional five years, through FY 2024-2025. Proposition 475 permits Amphitheater to increase its maintenance and operations budget by 10% more than the amount of revenue that the state provides all public school districts.

Amphitheater greatly appreciates the confidence of its voters in approving Proposition 475. As indicated in the Governing Board’s Resolution of June 24, 2019 calling for the election, as well as in Amphitheater’s Voter Information Pamphlet mailed to households of the registered voters residing in the District, Amphitheater has and continues to commit to its voters that the additional funds provided by this 10% maintenance and operations override will only be used for the specific purposes identified in Proposition 475:

- Class size reduction;
- Enhanced Art, Music, & PE classes at elementary schools;
- Increased middle & high school electives;
- Academic Intervention Programs;
- Enhancements to staff compensation to help maintain competition; and
- Addition of 3 to 4 support staff members to meet growing facilities’ needs.

Each year, Amphitheater will be holding a public meeting between September 1 and October 31 to provide an update of the programs financed through this maintenance and operations override. Amphitheater’s

administration last provided this report on September 24, 2019. The revenues provided through the extended 10% maintenance and operations override will continue to be used in a similar manner as described in that report.

Proposition 476
3.5% Special Programs Budget Override to Benefit K-3 Programs

Proposition 476 authorizes an additional 3.5% special programs override designed specifically to benefit Amphitheater’s Kindergarten through Third Grade programs. Like Proposition 475, Proposition 476 will also remain in place through FY 2024-2025. The Pima County Elections Department reports the election results for Proposition 476 as follows:

PROPOSITION 476			
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DIST. 10 (VOTE FOR) 1			
YES	17,121	57.93%	
NO.	12,434	42.07%	

Proposition 476 is a game changer for Amphitheater in that it permits funding for all-day Kindergarten in all Amphitheater schools. Because the State of Arizona only pays public school districts for one-half (½) of a Kindergarten day, some Amphitheater schools have been using their Title I funds to fund the other ½ day of Kindergarten to enable Kindergarteners to attend school for the full day. Whereas, the non-Title I schools have been charging parents tuition to cover the costs of the other ½ day of Kindergarten to enable their Kindergarten students to attend a full day of school.


Through the passage of Proposition 476, voters have approved funding a full day of Kindergarten for all Amphitheater students, which now frees up those Title I funds in the Title I schools to be used for purposes that benefits all students attending those schools, rather than just the Kindergarteners. Moreover, parents of Kindergarteners attending a non-Title I school will no longer have to pay tuition for their child to attend the full school day.

Proposition 476 also provides funds to add additional teachers for Kindergarten to Third Grade classrooms to further reduce class size for the youngest learners. The purpose of this agenda item is to allow the Governing Board to study the election results and to provide a reminder of how the override funds will be used. At a future meeting, administration will be presenting the Governing Board a proposal to change staffing ratios for Kindergarten through Third Grade classes to maximum student numbers of:

- Kindergarten - 25 students
- First Grade - 25 students
- Second Grade - 26 students
- Third Grade - 27 students

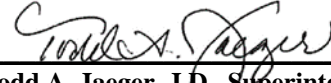
RECOMMENDATION: No action is required at this time. The purpose of this agenda item is to permit the Governing Board to study the election results from the November 5, 2019 election.

INITIATED BY:


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Date: November 13, 2019



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