



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

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

TITLE: **Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum Revision**

- a. Review of the Revised Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum and the development process**
- b. PUBLIC HEARING regarding the Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum for the purpose of receiving public input per State Board of Education Regulation R7-2-303**

BACKGROUND:

The grades 4-8 Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum was in need of revision and updating. A representative committee of teachers, principals, health services staff, and parents met over the course of the past two years to examine all of the content of each lesson and make necessary revisions. The new curriculum and the process for the development of the curriculum for grades 5-8 is in alignment with A.R.S. §15-102, A.R.S. §15-711, A.R.S. §15-716, State Board of Education Regulation R7-2-303, and was developed in accordance with Governing Board policy IHAMB. The curriculum focuses on basic facts about human reproduction and appropriate self-care relevant to the human maturation process. It also includes factual information about the risks and responsibilities of sexual activity.

The curriculum updates were made based upon information from the Arizona Department of Health Services and our own Health Services Department. New video for the lessons was selected to replace older material that was no longer up to date or accurate. District teachers who were a part of the committee prepared the revised lessons and slides to be used during instruction.

The Sex Education/Maturation curriculum is delivered by certified teachers and students are grouped by gender for the lessons. Parent permission is required for students to participate in the lessons as required by A.R.S. §15-102.

PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE: Arizona State Board of Education Regulation R7-2-303 and Amphitheater School District Policy IHAMB requires that two public hearings be held when implementing new or revised Sex Education/Maturation curriculum.

Following recognition by the Board President, the Administration will provide an overview of the grades 4-8 Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum revisions and other pertinent information regarding the process of the work to make these changes. Following the staff presentation, it will be necessary for the President of the Board to declare a public hearing “open”. During the hearing members of the public will be invited to address the board on matters of concern relating to the revised Sex Education/Maturation Curriculum, requirements of the law, or other relevant matters.

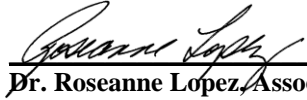
A second required public hearing, pending Governing Board direction, could be held on March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Wetmore Center in the Leadership and Professional Development Center.

The request to the Governing Board for final approval of the curriculum, with any final recommended modifications, may appear on a Governing Board agenda in April 2019.

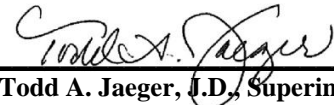
RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Governing Board study this matter. In addition, the Administration recommends that the Board convene a public hearing to receive public input. Final Governing Board approval of the curriculum will be requested in April.

INITIATED BY:



Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education Date: February 4, 2019



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