



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

DATE OF MEETING: September 6, 2011

TITLE: Determination of Governing Board Input Regarding Development of Arizona School Board Association (ASBA) Top Ten Legislative Priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session(s)

BACKGROUND: The Governing Board has previously considered and determined its proposals for the 2014 legislative agenda of the Arizona School board Association, and the Board sent delegates (Members Dr. Kent Barrabee and Ms. Susan Zibrat) to represent the District at the ASBA Delegate Assembly on June 25, 2012. At that assembly, ASBA developed a legislative action agenda – the list of legislative issues identified by the Assembly for active pursuit by the organization. This list, of course, is drawn from the proposals received from the member districts – as interpreted and recommended by an ASBA committee and the organization’s legislative services personnel.

ASBA is now requesting that each of its member Governing Boards provide the organization with input regarding the prioritization of the legislative goals that were determined at the Assembly. ASBA specifically requests that each Governing Board pick their “Top 10” legislative goals *from among ASBA’s identified listing*.

As Board members will recall, one component of the services provided by ASBA to its members is lobbying and advocacy at the state level. This is done on a statewide basis, typically based upon input derived from the delegate assembly. This will be the second year that ASBA has used this third step of asking member boards to submit their “Top Ten” preferences.

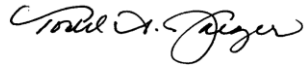
The ASBA list of priorities is attached. The Board is requested to select its “Top Ten” for feedback to ASBA.

Note: In addition to providing input for the development of ASBA’s legislative agenda, the Amphitheater Governing Board has long established its own legislative priorities to guide and direct District representatives in their communications with Arizona legislators. This guidance ensures that communication with state law makers is consistent with the Board’s philosophies and the District mission. This also provides an avenue for our District to have a voice that extends beyond the sometimes not fully representative voice offered by ASBA at our state capitol. The priorities set for the District are separate from, but may overlap, those adopted by the Arizona School Board Association.

The Board will review and determine the District’s separate legislative agenda at its meeting of October 2, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented for discussion and direction for the determination of the Board's input to ASBA. The Administration recommends the Board convey a response to ASBA. (The District's separate legislative agenda will be presented for action in October).

INITIATED BY:



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Date: August 28, 2012



Patrick Nelson, Superintendent