



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

DATE OF MEETING: **May 1, 2018**

TITLE: **Determination of Proposed Issues for Consideration for the Arizona School Boards Association 2019 Political Agenda**

BACKGROUND:

The Arizona School Boards Association, of which the District is a member, is holding its annual ASBA Delegate Assembly on September 8, 2018. The Delegate Assembly determines ASBA's positions for any future Special Sessions of the current legislature and for the First Regular Session of the Fifty-fourth Legislature (and any special meetings).

In advance of the September Delegate Assembly, ASBA is requesting that individual Governing Boards review its 2018 Political Agenda, attached, as compiled at its 2017 annual meeting. From the Agenda, ASBA asks the Board to affirm its top five (5) priorities and then select two (2) additional priorities for consideration by the ASBA Legislative Committee. The deadline for submission of the priorities is May 11, 2018.

At its June 1st meeting, the ASBA Legislative Committee will create a draft document to be circulated, during the week of June 18th, to all governing boards and superintendents. That document will be the basis for discussion at the official Delegate Assembly on September 8th. The Item for appointment of a Delegate and Alternate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly will be submitted to the Board in August.


On November 14, 2017, the Governing Board's determined its own 2018 legislative priorities:

1. Provide Adequate Funding for K-12 Education.
2. Restore Career Ladder Funding.
3. Maintain Desegregation Funding.
4. Provide Adequate Funding to Serve English Language Learners.
5. Establish a Reliable and Adequate Source of Funding for the School Facilities Board.
6. Provide User-friendly and Practical Reporting Requirements and Provide Funding Support for the Same.
7. Protect and Support Educator Due Process Rights.
8. Provide Adequate Funding to Serve Special Education Student.

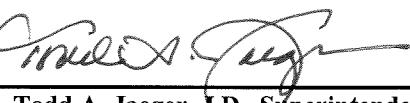
RECOMMENDATION:

This Item is presented for the Board's consideration and discussion of proposed Action Agenda Items for submission to the ASBA Legislation Committee. By motion, the Board will need to state their recommended top five legislative priorities (and two alternative recommendations) for submission to ASBA.

INITIATED BY:


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Date: April 11, 2018


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GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS 2018 Political Agenda



Adequately and Equitably Fund Public Schools

- Provide additional state funding for nationally competitive salaries to attract, recruit and retain talented teachers.
- Revise the School Finance formula to:
 - Provide a stable revenue source less reliant on the general fund or annual legislative appropriation;
 - Fund the implementation and ongoing costs of AZ standards, assessments and technology;
 - Allow districts the option to operate individual schools for 200-day school years and increase accompanying funding to 8% from 5% to improve student achievement;
 - Establish statewide poverty weights within the school funding formula.
- Fully fund full-day kindergarten and include kindergarten students in the override calculations.
- Renew, expand and improve Prop 301.
- Sufficiently fund market competitive salaries for all non-teaching staff.
- Provide adequate ongoing resources to comply with at least minimum school facility standards to ensure school district equipment and facilities are adequately maintained.
- Restore district additional assistance (DAA) reductions.
- Enact policy that does not unduly discourage local investment in school facilities.
- Eliminate unfunded mandates and administrative burdens.
- Fully fund JTEDs.
- Protect desegregation funding from any cuts or modifications.
- Provide greater equity in funding and access for exceptional student services within the public-school system.
- Adequately fund the cost of student transportation.
- Provide funding for preschool programs.

Uphold, Preserve, and Strengthen Local Control

- Maximize local control and flexibility in managing funds and programs.
- Allow school districts greater flexibility in the divestiture of property to address population and course needs.
- Change "override/budget increase" language to better reflect what voters are being asked to support
- Oppose legislative intrusion on school site budgeting decisions.

Improving Student Outcomes

- Support policy that recognizes and respects teaching as a profession.
- Increase the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18 years.
- Enact research-based reform of the English Language Learner model of instruction to improve student achievement that does not segregate English Language Learners from English speaking peers, integrates reading, writing and oral language instruction and incorporates multiple assessment measures to demonstrate English proficiency.
- Fully restore 9th grade CTE/JTED eligibility and funding to allow students to explore career fields and/or certification completion.
- Allow JTEDs to service students through the age of 21.

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Accountability to Taxpayers

- Establish financial and academic transparency for all institutions that accept public funds.
- Repeal any program that gives public funds for private schools, ESAs & STOs or prevent any future expansion.
- Require comparative classroom spending audits for school districts and all other institutions that accept public funds, and define "classroom spending" as both instructional spending and student support spending.
- Reform current year funding to a system that provides districts with appropriate stable annual budgeting ability and technical reliability.

ISSUES FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION –
2019 POLITICAL AGENDA

The Governing Board of _____ School District presents the following issue(s) to the ASBA Legislative Committee as adopted by the Governing Board on _____

Top Five Priorities

Rationale

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Additional items for consideration

Rationale

1. _____
2. _____

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Please include the rationale for each proposed item. This will help provide context during the Legislative Committee discussion.

PLEASE RETURN BY: MAY 11, 2018

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