

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

DATE OF MEETING: March 9, 2010

TITLE: **Resolution Recognizing the Special Contributions of Educational Support Personnel**

BACKGROUND: It takes many employees of every job description to make a school district run and provide a quality education to students. Each year, national activities focus recognition upon the invaluable efforts of teachers and school secretaries. There are a great many other positions that do not enjoy their own day of special recognition.

The District's Educational Support Personnel, also known as "Classified Staff" serve in many crucial roles throughout the district, including but certainly not limited to: bus drivers and monitors, carpenters, groundkeepers, clerical personnel, food service personnel, and custodians. Day in and day out, they ensure that schools are safe, clean, welcoming and nurturing to students. They help create a positive atmosphere that is essential to student learning.

While one annual day of recognition can certainly not approach the level of appreciation due these dedicated staff members, setting aside a day to highlight their contributions and perhaps bring some well deserved attention to the ongoing work of our support staff. Thus, our Governing Board, for several years now, has recognized educational support personnel on a dedicated day each year.

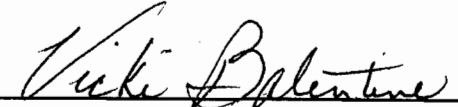
A resolution has been prepared for the purpose of setting April 21, 2010 as the date this year when the contributions of Educational Support Personnel are specially recognized. The resolution expands on the discussion above.

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends the Board's adoption and dissemination of the attached form of resolution.

INITIATOR:		Todd A. Jaeger Associate to the Supt.	3/2/2010
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA,
RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, the Amphitheater Unified School District ("the District") exists for the purpose of providing a free public education to Arizona children;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is charged with the supervision and governance of the District, including the authority to employ persons necessary to carry out the functions of the District;

WHEREAS, students of the District receive a high quality education consistently rated among the highest in the State of Arizona as evidenced by measurements such as college admissions, scholarship opportunities, academic and extracurricular achievements, standardized test scores, Arizona LEARNS designations, academic competitions and other measures;

WHEREAS, the quality of education received by District students is greatly affected and enhanced by the dedication, effort and talents of the District's Educational Support Personnel, also known as "Support Staff";

WHEREAS, Educational Support Personnel positively impact children at every level and in every position through which these staff are employed;

WHEREAS, Educational Support Personnel make their positive impact upon kids every day, with just some examples of the same being the registrar who welcomes a new student to a new place of learning; the groundskeeper who creates and maintains outdoor classrooms; and the central office employee who ensures the maintenance of services, payroll and benefits for all other employees;

WHEREAS the State of Arizona's budget crisis has impacted schools across the state, leading to increases in class size, loss of programs and services to students, and loss of jobs or income for educational staff;

WHEREAS despite these adversities Educational Support Personnel, especially those in Amphitheater, have persevered and maintained their focus on their students;

WHEREAS, schools across the country celebrate specified days for teacher appreciation; and school administrative assistant appreciation;

WHEREAS, no formal day has been established to celebrate the contributions of other Educational Support Personnel;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board sincerely believes that the appreciation of all school district staff should be ongoing and not limited to one day per year, but still recognizes the value of annually focusing public attention on the efforts of educational personnel; and

WHEREAS, the focus and attention of the public can be maximized by coordination of District recognition activities for all Educational Support Personnel with those occurring nationally for school administrative assistants' personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Amphitheater Unified School District Governing Board that the District hereby recognizes the special everyday contributions of every Support employee of the District and sets apart Wednesday, April 21, 2010 as "Educational Support Personnel Appreciation Day" in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Board that the Arizona Legislature demonstrate an appreciation for Educational Support Personnel and the imperative, vital role these professionals play in building the future of this state.

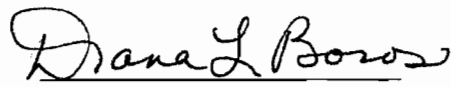
The Governing Board invites other school district governing boards to join them in this celebration of the special contributions of professional district employees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board this 9th day of March, 2010.

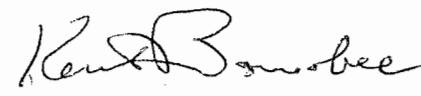
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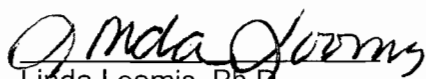
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