



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

DATE OF MEETING: March 6, 2012

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, nationally organized activities direct attention to the invaluable efforts of teachers and school administrative assistants. But, there many other important contributions made by other school personnel that do not receive their own special day of 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. These people play instrumental roles in creating safe, clean, and welcoming school environments that meet student, parent and community needs.

While one day a year of recognition does not approach the level of appreciation due to these dedicated staff members, the Governing Board has for several years set aside a day to highlight the contributions of our support staff.

A resolution (attached) has been prepared for the purpose of setting April 25, 2012 as the date this year when the contributions of Educational Support Personnel are specially recognized.

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

INITIATED BY:

Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: February 28, 2012

Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent

**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 Staff (“Support Staff”);

WHEREAS, Support Staff make their positive impact upon kids every day, with just some examples of the same being the electrician who brings light to a classroom; the classroom aide who helps a child unlock a math concept; the volunteer tutor who instills in a student a love of learning; the school registrar who welcomes a student and her family to a new school; and the human resources data technician who facilitates the recruitment and hiring of a new employee.

WHEREAS the State of Arizona 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 the budget imposed adversities, Support Staff – especially those in Amphitheater – have nonetheless maintained and even strengthened their focus on our students;

WHEREAS, schools celebrate specific days for teacher appreciation; and school administrative assistant appreciation and no formal day has been established to celebrate the contributions of other Support Staff;

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 Support Staff with those occurring nationally for school administrative assistants;

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 25, 2012 as “Educational Support Staff Appreciation Day” in the District.

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 6th day of March, 2012.

Governing Board Members:

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