



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

DATE OF MEETING: May 19, 2015

TITLE: Approval of Governing Board Position on ASBA Legislative Action Agenda Items

BACKGROUND:

At its May 5th meeting, the Board discussed proposed Action Agenda Items to be submitted to the Arizona School Boards Association to help craft ASBA's advocacy stances in advance of its Delegate Assembly on September 12, 2015.

Attached are the Items discussed at the Board's last meeting, now submitted for the Board's approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

This Item is presented for the Board's approval which the Administration recommends.

INITIATED BY:

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Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: May 13, 2015

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Patrick Nelson, Superintendent

Long-Term Issues are core beliefs and/or issues that need to be addressed over 5-10 years. Presented for the Board's consideration are:

1. Increase Funding for K-12 Education, including the Provision of Adequate Support for Special Education and Maintenance of Desegregation Efforts.
2. Properly Fund Building Maintenance.
3. Protect and Support Education Due Process Rights.

Short-Term Issues are issues that can be accomplished over 3-5 years. Presented for the Board's consideration are:

1. Oppose Unfunded and Burdensome Legislative Mandates.
2. Reenact and Fund Voluntary Full-Day Kindergarten.
3. Encourage, Assist and Provide Adequate Financial Support of the Curriculum and Instructional Needs of Arizona's Public Schools to Ensure College and Career Readiness of All students, Including Specific Funding for Technology Required to Accomplish the Goal.

2015 Session-Specific Issues are specific items for bill introduction in 2015. Presented for the Board's consideration are:

1. Oppose Any Measure that Uses State Money to Fund Private Schools, Including Vouchers and Empowerment Scholarship Accounts.
2. Ensure All Schools Receiving Public Funds Are Equally Accountable to the Public, to Include Transparent Funding Systems for Charter Schools with Requirements for Reversion of Assets to the State Upon Cessation of Operations.
3. Change Statutory References of "Budget Override" to "Local Support".
4. Bring to the legislator's attention that their oath of office requires that they honor the mandate of the Arizona Constitution to "ensure the proper maintenance," and "to be met by taxation" for the "development and improvement" of public education.