



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

DATE OF MEETING: September 4, 2012

TITLE: Discussion of U.S. Department of Education No Child Left Behind (ESEA) Waiver for State of Arizona

BACKGROUND: In September 2011, President Obama announced that the Administration would consider granting states waivers of certain provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, also known as the No Child Left Behind Act, in exchange for state commitments on other issues. In February of 2012, the Arizona Department of Education filed a request for waiver, together with 26 other states and the District of Columbia. In July, the Administration granted Arizona's waiver request. Highlights of the approval include:

- Waives the requirement to make determinations of Adequate Yearly Progress for both schools and LEAs.
- Extends the 2014 target for 100% proficiency in reading and mathematics to 2020, but with the intention of developing and adopting a new Student Growth Target initiative.
- Eliminates the requirement to identify for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring both schools and LEAs.
- Defines and identifies schools needing improvement more appropriately, thus allowing efforts to be targeted and determined.
- Eliminates the fiscal consequences of NCLB accountability directing schools or LEAs to spend up to 30% of an LEA's Title I funds and 10% of each school's Title I funds on specified improvement-related activities; providing needed flexibility at the local-level so funds and improvement efforts may be directed and focused.
- Removes the fiscal consequences of Title II-A accountability, as outlined in Section 2141(c), requiring LEAs to spend Title II funds on specific activities related to highly qualified teacher improvement plans.

Mr. Jaeger will provide a presentation to the Governing Board regarding these and other terms of the waiver and its implications for the District.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is presented solely for the Board's information. No action is requested.

INITIATED BY:

Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: August 30, 2012

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent