



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

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**DATE OF MEETING: February 5, 2013**

**TITLE: The AVID Program in Amphitheater**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Several years ago, a new program was introduced in Amphi designed to help promote student achievement. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college readiness system designed to increase student learning. Begun at La Cima, the program has expanded to now include Amphitheater Middle School, Amphitheater High School, Walker Elementary, and Nash Elementary School.

AVID's focus is on "average" students who will be the first in their families to go to college. Backed by differentiated teaching strategies and elective programs that provide tutoring and academic support, AVID focuses on student success. The formula is simple – raise expectations of students and, with the AVID support systems in place, they will rise to the challenge. Research supports AVID's claim to continuous success. Many now consider AVID an essential strategy for closing the achievement gap and making the college dream accessible to all students.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The District's AVID Coordinator, Christy Sullivan (principal at La Cima), will make a presentation to the Board.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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**Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent**

**Date: January 29, 2013**

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**Patrick Nelson, Superintendent**