

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

DATE OF MEETING: August 24, 2010

TITLE: Resolution Supporting Application for Grant from the Arizona Dropout Prevention Program, Pursuant to Session Laws 1991, Chapter 252, Section 3, for School Years 2011-2013

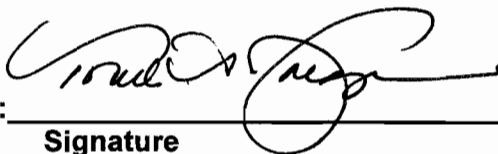
BACKGROUND: For many years, the District has sought and obtained dropout prevention grants from the State of Arizona. The Dropout Prevention Program (DPP) is administered by the Arizona Department of Education.

If the District is successful in obtaining an award from the DPP again, the funds received will be used to provide staff for Amphi's El Hogar Alternative Education Program to lower the student/staff ratio. As the Board is aware, the El Hogar Program addresses the academic and social emotional needs of middle school and high school students who have been placed on long-term suspension from their home school and who are enrolled at El Hogar as an alternative to suspension. Students are provided with a curriculum and instructional services which meet state standards, as well as with opportunities in building their organizational and social skills and requirements for community service.

Grant funds will support salary and benefits for 2.0 FTE Teachers, 1.0 FTE Teaching Assistant, .25 Technology Specialist, as well as Substitute Teachers, if needed.

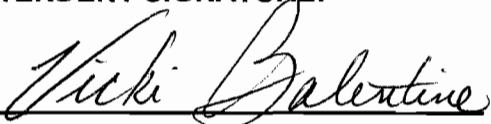
The grant program requires a resolution of support from the Governing Board. A brief form of resolution has been prepared for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends the Board's approval of the attached form of resolution.

INITIATOR:		Todd A. Jaeger Associate to the Supt.	8/9/2010
	Signature	Name/Title	Date

**ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT
SIGNATURE:**

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE:



**RESOLUTION OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD OF
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 10 OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA
IN SUPPORT OF
DROPOUT PREVENTION PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona, a political subdivision of the State of Arizona (“AUSD”), is charged with providing a free and appropriate public education for all the students of the District;

WHEREAS, education is also a key factor in the economic development of this State and our Nation and in their ability to enhance the quality of life for their citizens as well as compete within global world markets;

WHEREAS, the dropout rate has major implications on the economic development of our State and Nation;

WHEREAS, people of color are disproportionately represented in this country's dropout casualty rates, where 15.5 percent of African American males and 38.4 percent of Hispanic males dropout, in comparison to a white male dropout rate of 13.3 percent (U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990);

WHEREAS, female dropout rates for women of color are also disproportionate, with 17.1 percent of African American females, and 29.6 percent of Hispanic females dropping out in comparison to a White female dropout rate of 11.1 percent (U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990);

WHEREAS, the social and moral future of Arizona is dependent upon the assurance of educational opportunity for all of its young people;

WHEREAS, with financial assistance from the Dropout Prevention Program of the Arizona Department of Education and other sources, Amphitheater Public Schools has been able to offer programs for several years which have prevented student dropouts;

WHEREAS, the continuation of dropout prevention programs is essential to ensuring opportunity for all of the District's students,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Governing Board of the Amphitheater Unified School District supports the application of the District for grant funds under the Arizona Department of Education Dropout Prevention Program, pursuant to Laws 1991, Chapter 252, Section 3, for School Years 2011-2013, and commits to implementation of services and programs described in the District's grant application.

SIGNED AND DATED this 24th day of August, 2010, by Governing Board of the Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona:

Jeff Grant
Governing Board President

Diana Boros
Governing Board Vice-President

Kent Paul Barrabee, Ph.D.
Governing Board Member

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