

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ARIZONA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
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PROPOSAL FOR 2013 ASBA ACTION

The Governing Board of Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona presents the following proposal for ASBA action as directed by the Governing Board on April 10, 2012.

In support of Political Agenda Belief Statements #6 (Funding) and #7 (Federal Concerns), ASBA will take the following action on the **Legislative** Agenda:

Subject:

Properly Fund Special Education Programs.

Action Proposed:

Propose, seek and/or support legislation that will provide adequate support for special education programs.

Sponsor Rationale:

The state supports special needs students by providing extra funds. In 2010, apart from Kindergarten and K-3 students, Amphitheater had 3,261 special needs students (including ESL students). Of these, 57% or 1,858 were in a category that includes emotional disability, mild mental retardation, specific learning disorder, speech/language impairment, and other health impairments. For each of these 1,858 students, the state only provided the district an additional \$9.93 in funding – an unconscionable amount. The legislature’s dereliction of duty puts a huge burden on a district dedicated to providing appropriate support, not only for its special needs students, but for the needs of all of its students.