

Arguments in Favor of the Maintenance and Operations Budget Override

**STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**

The current budget override permits Amphitheater to offer enhanced academic, intervention and support programs. Among other things, the override provides International Baccalaureate[®], Cambridge Academy[®], and expanded Advanced Placement[®] programs in our high schools, and higher level courses like Engineering in our middle schools. It provides tutoring and summer school services to students who need additional support. It also allows us to lower class size, and it ensures art, music and P.E. for all elementary students, taught by specialist teachers. Strong programs like these not only help prepare students for the future, but they also make our District competitive with others which have budget overrides in place.

As your elected and volunteer representatives, we never forget the trust you place in us to do our very best for students with the resources District receives. While those resources have decreased significantly due to state budget cuts, we have kept administrative cost levels 16% below the state average and lower than comparable districts. Moreover, we have worked to ensure that the override can be continued without adding any new taxes.

We now need your support for our students and these vital programs. Please vote to continue the override.

(195 words)

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