



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **September 27, 2022**

**TITLE:**    **Approval of Resolution Regarding Aggregate Expenditure Limit**

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**BACKGROUND:**

When the Legislature passed this year's budget, it was a known fact that the money appropriated to K-12 education would exceed the Aggregate Expenditure Limit (AEL) contained in the Arizona Constitution. School districts experienced the same situation last fiscal year, where if the Legislature failed to vote to override the limit prior to March 1 of that year, school districts would be forced to reduce their budgets by over a combined \$1 billion statewide. Fortunately, the Legislature finally voted to exceed the AEL last fiscal year, but it did not do so until late February. That delay added considerable stress for school districts and school personnel last fiscal year as they were forced to develop alternative plans to be ready in case the AEL maxed on the first day of March.

This year, school districts across the state are advocating for early resolution of the AEL concern to avoid the same budgetary stressors and operational inefficiencies that the state's delay caused them last year. A model resolution has been developed for school boards to consider for this purpose. The proposed resolution calls on Governor Ducey to convene a special session of the Legislature for the purpose of authorizing the expenditure of the funds the Legislature appropriated in this year's budget as soon as possible. This agenda item is presented to permit the Governing Board to consider this option for Amphitheater Public Schools.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends the Board's adoption and dissemination of the attached form of resolution.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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Date: September 26, 2022

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