



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

DATE OF MEETING: **February 6, 2018**

TITLE: **Study and Presentation on the Status of English Language Arts (ELA)
Achievement and ELA Curriculum**

BACKGROUND:

The State of Arizona establishes academic standards for English Language Arts which are reviewed periodically by committees of educators and members of the public. The most recent review resulted in recommendations for minor changes which were subsequently approved by the State Board of Education.

The presentation this evening will briefly review Arizona ELA College and Career Readiness Standards, where they can be viewed, and discuss the shifts that have been made in standards, curriculum and instruction over the past 5 to 7 years.

ELA achievement is reviewed regularly at each of our District schools. Various assessments are used to measure and document progress of students. In Amphitheater, the NWEA MAP reading assessment is taken two-three times per year by students in Grades 2-8. The DIBELS Next assessment is administered three times per year to Kindergarten and First Grade students. The AzMERIT ELA assessment is administered by the State of Arizona annually to students in Grades 3-12. The presentation this evening will review district aggregated achievement data from the past 3 to 5 years.

In November of 2012, the District issued a request for proposals for Language Arts curriculum materials. The materials were reviewed by teachers, administrators, and parents according to District policy and textbook recommendations were made to the Governing Board for approval. The selected materials were purchased and implemented in the schools during the 2013-2014 school year.

Our current adoption for elementary school students is Reading Street/Pearson and Prentice Hall/Pearson was adopted at the secondary level.

RECOMMENDATION:

The information presented this evening is for the Governing Board's information and study.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: January 29, 2018

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