



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**            **October 4, 2011**

**TITLE:**    **Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Chandler Unified School District for Participation in the Educational Finance Reform Group**

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**BACKGROUND:** The Education Finance Reform Group (EFRG) is a group of school districts who have pooled their lobbying efforts relating to school finance issues. EFRG's track record has been significant. Over the years they have successfully lobbied the following issues:

- Eliminated the absence penalty
- Revised the override calculation to include full day kindergarten, even though the State no longer funds all day kindergarten. (this change increased Amphitheater's funding by \$250,000 for the current fiscal year)
- Revised the bonding rules to allow furniture and equipment to be purchased using bond funds
- Increased the override percentage from 10% to 15% without restrictions
- Temporarily revised the tax credit rules to allow the purchase of soft capital items
- Passed legislation to provide the Department of Education \$4,000,000 to fix their technology issues

The 2011-2012 legislative agenda for EFRG:

- Make permanent the override calculation that considers all day kindergarten
- Increase the bonding limits
- Fix Average Daily Membership (ADM) issues as they relate to concurrency
- Replace Career Ladder with new Pay for Performance plan

The District's share for the cost for of these services is \$12,000.00 annually.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The Administration recommends the Governing Board authorize staff to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Chandler Unified School District for Lobbyist Services for the Educational Finance Reform Group.

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**INITIATED BY:**

*Scott Little*

**Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer**

**September 27, 2011**

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