



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

DATE OF MEETING: April 24, 2014

TITLE: Approval of Contract Forms for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year for Administrative, Administrative Exempt, Certificated, and Professional Non-Teaching Employee Groups; Authorization to Issue Contracts to Renewing Staff Members for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

BACKGROUND: On April 10, 2012, the Governing Board was presented with a proposal for approval of a 2012-2013 compensation and fringe benefits package for the District's employee groups. This item is an additional step required to implement the package, through the issuance of contracts to those employees receiving contracts.

As the Board Members may recall, Arizona law previously mandated issuance of contracts by May 15 of each year. Under revisions made to the statute made by the legislature two years ago, this is no longer the case. However, the timely resolution of the meet and confer process and issuance of contracts as early as possible helps assure employees of their status, and should therefore proceed as quickly as possible.

The ongoing uncertainty associated with legislative budget matters this year again suggest the need for contract forms that contain contingency clauses to allow for circumstances beyond the Governing Board's control. Current indications are that there will be no new legislative cuts to the K-12 budget for next fiscal year, but legislative action is never "final" – as experience in recent legislative sessions has taught us. Thus, the contingency language is necessary. But, the language included links any contract term changes to legislative reductions and limits pay reductions, however remote, to no more than 4%. Notably, contracts over the last few years have included similar provisions – none of which had to be exercised.

Please note that support staff employees are not issued contracts, but will be issued written verification of their pay rates and other information consistent with the Board's approval of the meet and confer package terms.

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends approval of contract forms for the groups listed above and recommends that the Board direct their issuance to renewing members of the respective employee groups in accordance with the recommended package, as approved by the Board on April 10, 2012. The specific contract forms are attached.

INITIATED BY:

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Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: April 18, 2012

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Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent