

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

DATE OF MEETING: July 1, 2010

TITLE: Sole Source Approval for Northwest Evaluation Association
(NWEA)

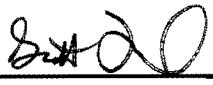

BACKGROUND:

November 8, 2005 the Governing Board approved the award of contract for assessment testing services to Northwest Evaluation Association based on their response to Request for Proposal 05-0008. The scope of work required the successful vendor to provide test assessments (MAP Scores) which could be aligned to district curriculum providing benchmarks to measure student growth and progress over time. Tests were to be self-leveling according to a student's ability and automatically customized according to each student's performance. Finally, the vendor was to provide advanced statistical procedures, research design, measurement theory and a database for comparable procedures to a nationwide sampling. Funding for NWEA Map Testing for fiscal year 2009/2010 was \$94,000.00.

The primary student achievement model used for Project EXCELL! is based on NWEA Map Scores. Project EXCELL! is the District's grant funded performance based pay initiative for teachers. Funding for Project EXCELL! continues through June 30, 2012, an additional 24 months. The current NWEA contract (RFP 05-0008) expires June 30, 2010. The Administration requests that the Governing Board approve Northwest Evaluation Association as a sole source vendor to maintain NWEA MAP testing in support of Project EXCELL!.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Governing Board designate Northwest Evaluation Association as a sole source vendor.

<p>INITIATOR: </p> <p>_____ Signature</p>	<p>Scott Little, Chief Financial Officer 06/22/10</p>
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