



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:** November 13, 2012

**TITLE:** Approval of Supplemental Materials

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**BACKGROUND:**

Board policy requires schools to submit a list of supplemental texts for Board approval each November and April. Supplemental texts are those that are used to support or enhance the basic core materials. This November's list is lengthy, as you will see.

There are three primary reasons for this:

- 1) For the past five years, we have not had financial means to purchase basic core materials at anywhere near the level we have in the past. As you know, our upcoming district wide adoption of math and reading core materials will be the first in many years. Consequently, our schools have made purchases of supplementary texts and materials to sustain instructional programs.
  - 2) The transition to the Common Core has prompted schools to begin to purchase supplementary texts and materials addressing those new standards as we work to implement them.
  - 3) A bill introduced in the state legislature last year caused concern that any text or material used in any classroom with any student would require prior Board approval; without such approval, a teacher faced termination. While the legislation failed to pass, it came at a time when our schools were putting together their supplemental texts/materials lists. Consequently, while many of the items on the list represent what are traditionally thought of as supplemental texts, items were included in this inventory that do not typically meet the qualifications based on number.
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the Governing Board approve the list of supplemental texts.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent

Date: November 2, 2012

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Patrick Nelson, Superintendent