



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:** May 28, 2024

**TITLE:** Study of Potential Bond and Override Election in November 2024; Consideration and Discussion of Bond and Override Funding Uses

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**BACKGROUND:**

At the Governing Board meeting of May 7, 2024, the administration presented the Governing Board with a history of state funding deficiencies that have existed for decades in Arizona, and which persist yet today. The dramatic budget cuts and continuing failures to keep pace with inflation have taken their demonstrable toll on Arizona schools and our District. The Board Agenda Item, and the presentations, from May 7, 2024 illustrated that reality in some detail.

The District's ability to rely upon locally derived funding from both school bonds and our budget overrides has been life saving for the important responsibilities we have to maintain school facilities at minimum standards that our community has every right to expect and that our students deserve – again, at a minimum. So too have our overrides allowed us to have the financial capacity to somewhat temper the impacts public education funding has suffered over these far too many years in our state.

Both forms of supplemental resources, as described on May 7, 2024 are now set to expire or begin doing so, and yet we remain as dependent as ever upon them to meet student, staff, and community needs. As we seek the Governing Board's continued review of the potential to seek public approval of the renewal of both funding sources, this item is specifically presented at this time to allow for a review of the intended uses for the funds which are proposed.

The deficiencies in state funding over time mean, at a basic level, that the proposed bond and override renewals are not proposed for any kind of grandiose or extravagant purposes. Far from it. Instead, they are sought to continue doing what they make possible now: necessary basics.

In the attached presentation, which will be reviewed with the Governing Board on May 28, 2024 we detail those proposed and hopefully continuing uses. We ask the Governing Board for its guidance, thoughts, and direction relating to the same, as we prepare for our submission of formal resolutions to call for an election this coming November. The Governing Board's action regarding the same must occur at the first meeting in June.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is presented for the Board's information, study and discussion. No action is required at this time.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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Todd A. Jaeger, J.D.  
Superintendent

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Date: May 24, 2024