



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:** August 5, 2014

**TITLE:** Approval of Governing Board “Pro-Statement” for November 4, 2014 Budget Override Election

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**BACKGROUND:** The County School Superintendent’s Office has advised that it is necessary for the Governing Board to submit a pro-statement in favor of the November proposition for continuation of the existing maintenance and operations budget override. Such statement will be included in the ballot information materials as one of the ten (10) pro-statements permitted by law (A.R.S. § 15-481).

A draft pro-statement has been prepared for the Board’s consideration. The draft may, of course, be modified as the Board determines, provided that it does not exceed 200 words in length – the statutory limit.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The administration recommends approval of a pro-statement for submission to the County School Superintendent’s office, as determined by the Governing Board.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: August 4, 2014

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Patrick Nelson, Superintendent

*Arguments in Favor of the Maintenance and Operations Budget Override*

**STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD  
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #10**

The current budget override permits Amphitheater to offer enhanced academic, intervention and support programs. Among other things, the override provides International Baccalaureate<sup>®</sup>, Cambridge Academy<sup>®</sup>, and expanded Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> programs in our high schools, and higher level courses like Engineering in our middle schools. It provides tutoring and summer school services to students who need additional support. It also allows us to lower class size, and it ensures art, music and P.E. for all elementary students, taught by specialist teachers. Strong programs like these not only help prepare students for the future, but they also make our District competitive with others which have budget overrides in place.

As your elected and volunteer representatives, we never forget the trust you place in us to do our very best for students with the resources District receives. While those resources have decreased significantly due to state budget cuts, we have kept administrative cost levels 16% below the state average and lower than comparable districts. Moreover, we have worked to ensure that the override can be continued without adding any new taxes.

We now need your support for our students and these vital programs. Please vote to continue the override.

(195 words)

PASSED AND ADOPTED on August 5, 2014

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Susan Zibrat  
President, Governing Board

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Deanna Day, M.Ed.  
Vice President, Governing Board

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Governing Board Member

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