



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

DATE OF MEETING: **May 26, 2020**

TITLE: **Approval of Priorities for Submission to the Arizona School Boards Association
for its 2021 Political Agenda**

BACKGROUND: The Arizona School Boards Associations (ASBA) has requested that all member school districts submit a list of five (5) priorities and two (2) alternative priorities to the ASBA Legislative Committee for it to develop ASBA's 2021 Political Agenda. ASBA requests that member school districts submit their lists by May 29, 2020.

At the May 12, 2020 Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board discussed its priorities for submission to the ASBA. The Board reviewed both the ASBA 2020 Political Agenda and its own 2020 legislative priorities to develop its submissions to the ASBA. The Board then requested that a list be prepared based upon that discussion for review and approval by the Board during its May 26, 2020 meeting.

Based upon the Board's discussion at the May 12, 2020 meeting, it is recommended that the Governing Board approve the following list as its top five (5) legislative priorities for submission to the ASBA:

1. Maximize state funding for nationally and locally competitive salaries to attract, recruit and retain talented teachers and staff
2. Eliminate unfunded mandates and administrative burdens
3. Reform Current year funding to a system that provides districts with appropriate stable annual budget ability and technical reliability
4. Invest in technology equitably for all students
5. Accelerate full restoration of District Additional Assistance funding and Index for Inflation

Administration further recommends that the following list be approved as the Governing Board's two (2) alternative submissions to the ASBA:

1. Propose new language that would provide for local control and determinations of CARES Act and related funding uses to best meet local community and district needs
2. Address the need to adjust state funding formula weights to ensure funding is directed to LEA's which are actually serving the students.

After the Board votes to approve its top five (5) priorities as well as the two (2) additional priorities to put forward to the ASBA, the District administration will submit the information to the ASBA on behalf of the Governing Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

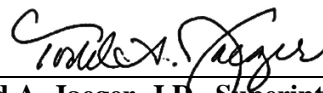
This Item is presented for the Board's approval of its top five legislative priorities (and two alternative recommendations) for submission to ASBA.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: May 15, 2020



Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent