



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: August 26, 2025

TITLE: Approval Intergovernmental Agreement for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Peer Coach Program with the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and Metro Education Commission (MEC)

BACKGROUND:

In Summer 2025, representatives from the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and Metro Education Commission (MEC) invited Amphitheater Public Schools to participate in a collaborative partnership to promote completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The FAFSA is designed to help students qualify for financial aid that would cover, partially or entirely, costs associated with enrollment in a college, university, or post-secondary educational institution. In 2024, Arizona ranked 49th in the United States in completion of the FAFSA, resulting in the Class of 2024 missing out on over \$120 million in Pell Grants. Research shows that seniors who complete the FAFSA are 84% more likely to enroll in post-secondary educational programs.

The FAFSA Peer Coach Program is designed to inform, promote, and assist students in completing the free application. The program includes funding for two student FAFSA Peer Coaches (\$1,000) and one staff member who would serve as a FAFSA Peer Coach Advisor (\$2,000), from each high school. Additionally, ABOR and MEC would each contribute \$600* to support promotion and completion events at each high school.

* ABOR will route their portion (\$600) through the District. MEC would allocate up to \$600 for direct request expenditures including printing, merchandise, etc.

The attached IGA, which has been reviewed by legal counsel, will memorialize the agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents and Metro Education Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board's action. The administration recommends approval of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement.

INITIATED BY:

Matthew Munger
Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education

Date: August 19, 2025

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent