



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

DATE OF MEETING: **February 11, 2020**

TITLE: **Review of Draft District Calendar for School Year 2021-2022**

BACKGROUND:

Arizona state law governs the number of days that schools must provide instruction in a calendar year. In Arizona, public schools must provide a minimum of 180 instructional days or the equivalent number of instructional minutes in a fewer number of days.

For several years, Amphitheater Public Schools has utilized the “equivalent number of instructional minutes” option to permit it to provide the requisite number of instructional minutes within 178 school days. The attached proposed calendar for the 2021-2022 fiscal year reflects a calendar of 178 days again.

Because the District’s calendar does not have “extra” school days built into it, any emergency closure of schools due to weather or other factors must be addressed by ensuring the requisite instructional minute requirements are still met. Consequently, the District and the Amphitheater Education Association (on behalf of District employees) previously agreed that if any schools are closed as a result of any emergency, certificated staff at those schools will have an equivalent number of student reporting days added to their work calendar without additional compensation – generally, by turning the planning days at the end of each semester into student reporting days.

As long as the State permits the district to use equivalent instructional minutes rather than 180 days, the District’s school calendars will be constructed in this same manner.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board’s review and discussion at this time; no action is required. The proposed calendar will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: February 3, 2020

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