

GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: May 21, 2019

TITLE: Approval of Priorities for Submission to the Arizona School Boards Association for its 2020 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 2020 Political Agenda. ASBA requests that member school districts submit their lists by May 24, 2019.

At the May 7, 2019 Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board discussed its priorities for submission to the ASBA. The Board reviewed both the ASBA 2019 Political Agenda and its own 2019 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 21, 2019 meeting.

Based upon the Board's discussion at the May 7, 2019 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. Provide Adequate Funding for K-12 Education.
- 2. Eliminate unfunded mandates and administrative burdens.
- 3. Fully fund full-day kindergarten and include kindergarten in the override calculations.
- 4. Return desegregation funding to a primary tax levy and maintain desegregation funding.
- 5. Establish a reliable source of funding for the School Facilities Board.

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

- 1. Provide greater equity in funding access for exceptional student services, including REACH and English Language Learners, within the public school system.
- 2. Provide user-friendly and Practical Reporting Requirements and Provide Funding Support for the same.

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.

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Date: May 15, 2019

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