



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**        **January 28, 2025**

**TITLE:**    **Approval of the removal of 6<sup>th</sup> grade from Harelson Elementary effective the 2025-2026 School Year**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Harelson Elementary has long been a cornerstone of the community, with the 6th grade being an integral part of the school. However, in recent years, enrollment in the 6th grade has steadily declined. As a result, we currently have only one 6th grade teacher at the school.

Having such a small group of students in an elementary setting raises concerns about both the quality of education and fiscal responsibility. After careful consideration, we propose that the 2024-2025 school year be the final year we offer 6th grade at Harelson Elementary.

Should the decision be made to discontinue the 6th grade program at Harelson, we will ensure a thorough communication plan is developed for families. Mrs. Stephanie Hayes, Principal at Harelson, and Mr. Chris Gutierrez, Principal at Cross Middle School, will work closely together to ensure a smooth and supportive transition for students moving from 5th grade at Harelson to 6th grade at Cross Middle School.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Governing Board approve the removal of 6<sup>th</sup> grade from Harelson Elementary School, effective the 2025-2026 school year.

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**INITIATED BY:**

**Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education K-5**

**Date: January 21, 2025**

**Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent**