



## Governing Board Agenda Item

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Meeting Date: February 19, 2026

From: Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

Subject: Study Items

Priority: To plan for future needs in a proactive, accountable manner

Consent  Action  Discussion

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### Background:

The Study Items for the February 19, 2026 Special Board meeting are as follows:

#### F.1 LifeWise Academy Memorandum of Agreement

LifeWise is a program that provides religious instruction to students during release time during the school day. The Bible-based character courses are provided to students off campus and with parent permission. Consistent with Governing Board Policy JHCB, students may be granted release time to attend religion instruction during the school day as long as two criteria are met:

- A. The person who has custody of the student has given written consent.
- B. Any religious instruction or exercise takes place at a suitable place away from school property designated by a church or religious denomination or group.

The Lifewise Program would like to partner with Marana Unified School District by offering religious-based instruction during zero hour at both of our comprehensive high schools. Students would attend the religious-based instructional sessions at churches in close proximity to Marana High School and Mountain View High School. Then the students would transport themselves to school or would be transported to school by the facilitators of the Lifewise Program.

Our legal team has reviewed the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the Lifewise Program and does not have liability concerns with this potential partnership.

## **F.2 Policy JJA, Student Organizations**

Ms. Mikronis requested this item be placed on the agenda. A copy of the policy is attached.

## **F.3 Instructional Time Model**

Currently, there are MUSD students who, for reasons beyond the District's control, are unable to participate in an educational delivery model that generates funding. To be clear, MUSD would not be adjusting its current practice for the vast majority of students. By adopting this Instructional Time Model (ITM), the District would be better positioned to generate funding for delivering on an individualized and rigorous plan of instruction to meet students' needs.

Arizona Revised Statute 15-901.08 provides that "for the purposes of meeting the instructional time and instructional hours requirements prescribed in sections 15-797, 15-808 and 15-901, a school district governing board, after at least two public hearings in the school district, or charter school governing body for one or more schools may adopt any instructional time models" to meet the minimum annual instructional time and instructional hours to determine average daily membership.

After a review of existing laws and current practice, the District is seeking approval to develop and deploy an ITM for the purposes of better supporting students. There are four approved methods to deliver instruction while participating in an ITM: direct instruction, project-based learning, independent learning, and mastery-based learning. MUSD's proposed ITM would leverage direct instruction, independent learning, and mastery-based learning.

## **F.4 Safe Schools Trainings**

We will present information on the training employees are required to complete at the beginning of each school year.

## **F.5 General Obligation Bond Initiative**

This item was placed on the agenda to allow discussions to continue regarding a General Obligation Bond initiative.

## **F.6 Strategic Goal Committee**

I will provide an update on the progress and work of the Strategic Goal Committee.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board:

  
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Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent