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PROPOSAL FOR 2013 ASBA ACTION

The Governing Board of Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 of Pima County, Arizona presents the following proposal for ASBA action as directed by the Governing Board on April 10, 2012.

In support of Political Agenda Belief Statements #4 (Taxation/Revenues), #5 (Funding), #7 (Federal Concerns), ASBA will take the following action on the **Legislative** Agenda:

Subject:

Eliminate Student Tuition Organization Tax Credits.

Action Proposed:

Propose, seek and/or support legislation that will eliminate all student tuition organization tax credits.

Sponsor Rationale:

Legislators are, by oath to the state constitution, required to support, develop and advance public education. Contrary to that oath, the legislature has reduced funding for public education using scarcity of general funds as a rationale for these actions, without acknowledging the constitutional duty to provide funding through taxation. Concurrently, the legislature's steadily increasing diversion of tax revenues to private schools through student tuition organizations and tax credits has exacerbated the "scarcity of funds" cited by the legislature as the reason for cutting public education.