



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: August 28, 2018

TITLE: Approval of Improvement Plan for Prince Elementary School

BACKGROUND:

Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) § 15-241.02(A) requires that any school assigned a “D” or “F” letter grade is to develop and submit an improvement plan to the superintendent of public instruction and the county educational service agency within ninety (90) days of receiving notice of the letter grade. The Governing Board must approve the improvement plan.

The District has thirty (30) days from submission to present the improvement plan at a public meeting held at the school. ARS § 15-241.02(A) also specifically requires that the District provide written notice of that public meeting to each residence within the attendance area of the school no later than thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the school’s letter grade.

On June 28, 2018, Amphitheater received notice from the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) that Prince Elementary School was assigned a letter grade of “D”. Pursuant to ARS § 15-241.02(A), the District had until July 28, 2018 to provide written notice to all residents in the Prince Elementary School’s attendance boundary of the school’s letter grade, and of the public meeting for presentation of the improvement plan. The District met this requirement by mailing the attached postcard to all 3,622 residences in the Prince attendance area on July 16, 2018.

The notice invited all residences to a community forum and public meeting to be held on August 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The forum will provide information to the public on the criteria for rating schools in Arizona, an explanation of the rating for Prince Elementary School, and information on the plan for improvement at Prince Elementary School. The draft of the improvement plan is attached to this Board item for review and approval.

The preparation of the improvement plan, called an Integrated Action Plan by the Arizona Department of Education, started immediately following the notification of the school grade. To date, the following tasks required by ADE have been accomplished by the school leadership and staff:

1. A School Improvement Leadership Team was established and met this summer to complete the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. This is an on-line survey tool that is linked directly to the Arizona Department of Education. Principal, Laurie Sheber met with representative parents and teachers this summer and asked them to complete the “needs analysis” in preparation for the design of the improvement plan.
2. The School Improvement Leadership Team completed a Root Cause Analysis.
3. A draft improvement plan was developed.

Based on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment, the Root Cause Analysis, an analysis of student achievement data, and the analysis of the criteria for school grades, the administration has developed a draft improvement plan for Prince Elementary School. ADE requires that the plan include improvement strategies under six principles of effective schools. The plan will be presented to the Governing Board for review and approval at the August 28, 2018 Board meeting.



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RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of Administration that the Governing Board approve the proposed improvement plan for Prince Elementary School.

INITIATED BY:

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Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education

Date: August 20, 2018

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent