



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **December 7, 2021**

**TITLE:**      **Approval of Letter by Board Members and Superintendent to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission**

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**BACKGROUND:**

In November 2000, Arizona voters passed Proposition 106, a citizen initiative that amended the Arizona Constitution by assigning the power to draw congressional and state legislative districts to a newly created Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC). The IRC is meeting to work to complete this task. Discussions include redrawing Arizona's congressional and legislative districts based on the results of the most recent census.

Individuals and organizations may provide input to the IRC in writing or through public comment at an IRC meeting. Board members Matthew Kopec and Dr. Scott Baker have prepared a draft letter to the IRC to provide input. This agenda item is presented to permit the Governing Board to consider and approve the proposed letter for submission by the Governing Board and Superintendent.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of Administration that the Governing Board approve sending the proposed letter to the IRC.

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**INITIATED BY:**

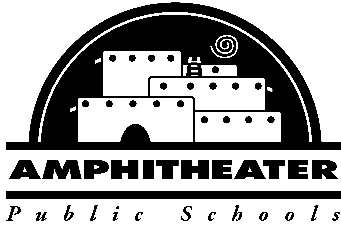
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**Michelle H. Tong, J.D., Associate to the Superintendent**

**Date: December 6, 2021**

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



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Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission  
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December 7, 2021

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input as to how the communities served by Amphitheater Public Schools could be best represented by our state legislature for the next ten years.

We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the request that Marana School Board Members Lopez and Holt, and Amphi School Board Member Kopec submitted to you on October 25, 2021. Amphi, Marana, and the greater northwest part of the Tucson metro area form an important community of interest and should be separated in the Legislative District map.

Amphitheater Public Schools proudly serves approximately 12,000 students and their families, and employs hundreds of dedicated and talented teachers and support staff. Amphi schools are a core part of the culture and history of Pima County, and our community works together tirelessly to support our schools, our children and our staff. Our district was founded 15 years before Arizona became a state at the end of the 19th Century, and we continue to serve our community and our families to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

Our district includes economically and culturally diverse communities, from the Coronado K-8 School in Catalina to Nash Elementary near Grant and Oracle Roads in northern Tucson. All together our district is proud to serve communities and neighborhoods in Tucson, Casas Adobes, Oro Valley, and Catalina.

Amphi forms an important community of interest which merits special consideration by the Independent Redistricting Commission. Singular legislative district representation for our district and the communities in the northwest and north central region of Pima County is vitally important.

The prior redistricting process divided the school district into three separate Legislative Districts. We understand that division may be unavoidable. If that is the case either River Road or the Rillito River itself makes for the most logical line of demarcation.

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Amphitheater High School • Canyon del Oro High School • Ironwood Ridge High School  
Amphitheater Middle School • Coronado K-8 School • Cross Middle School • La Cima Middle School • Wilson K-8 School  
Copper Creek Elementary • Donaldson Elementary • Harelson Elementary • Holaway Elementary • Innovation Academy • Keeling Elementary  
Mesa Verde Elementary • Nash Elementary • Painted Sky Elementary • Prince Elementary • Rio Vista Elementary • Walker Elementary • Rillito Center • Amphi Academy Online

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The education policy that drives so much of what we do is set at the Arizona State Legislature, and we are eager for opportunities to work together with them to advance policies and practices that will allow our students and our families to succeed. Dividing our communities would do a considerable disservice to the thousands of families we serve, and diminish their voice at the legislature.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amphitheater Public Schools Governing Board and Superintendent

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