



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

DATE OF MEETING: December 4, 2012

TITLE: Resolution Regarding Federal Funding Sequestration, Commonly Referred to as the "Federal Funding Cliff"

BACKGROUND: On August 2, 2011, President Obama signed into law the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA), increasing our nation's debt limit and imposing a series of measures to limit spending and decrease the nation's debt.

The BCA calls for \$900 million in cuts to discretionary programs, including education, over the next decade. It also created a Joint Select Committee (referred to as the "Supercommittee") made up of members from the House and Senate, Democrats and Republicans charged with finding \$1.2 trillion more in cuts over the next decade. If the Supercommittee failed to identify this savings, or Congress failed to approve the Supercommittee's recommendation, automatic cuts would impact every federal program not specifically excluded on January 1, 2013.

The Supercommittee failed to identify the requisite \$1.2 Trillion in spending reductions and, as a consequence, the sequestration provided for under the BCA will begin, unless Congress and the Administration change the law.

Currently, several members of the House of Representatives have proposed a bill that would prohibit sequestration from impacting Department of Defense programs, but there has not been any similar legislation proposed to address education.

This item will allow the Board's consideration of a resolution urging Arizona's congressional delegation to pursue, advocate and vote for some form of legislative protection of the education budget from the effects of sequestration. At the time of the initial Board agenda preparation, research for the content of the resolution was still underway. A future update to this item will include a suggested form of resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board's approval.

INITIATED BY:

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Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: November 28, 2012

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Patrick Nelson, Superintendent
