



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

DATE OF MEETING: **March 24, 2026**

TITLE: **Approval of Addendum to Intergovernmental Agreement for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Peer Coach Program with the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and Metro Education Commission (MEC)**

BACKGROUND:

On August 26, 2025, Amphitheater Governing Board approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the District and the Arizona Board of Regents and Metro Education Commission. The IGA provided financial and material support and resources focused on promoting student completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Prior to the FAFSA Peer Coach partnership, in 2024, Arizona ranked 49th in the United States in completion of the FAFSA, resulting in the Class of 2024 missing out on over \$120 million in Pell Grants. Research shows that seniors who complete the FAFSA are 84% more likely to enroll in post-secondary educational programs.

The partnership/agreement with the District includes funding for student FAFSA Peer Coaches, a FAFSA Peer Coach Advisor, and a supply budget for each high school. The program includes key milestones that must be met during the Fall semester and Spring semester. These milestone activities include developing a site-specific FAFSA strategic plan, hosting informational workshops, completion workshops and utilizing school social media platforms to disseminate information about FAFSA.

To further incentivize site promotional activities, ABOR created a “50 by Fall” incentive. The “50 by Fall” awards a school an additional \$2,000 to support FAFSA related events/activities if at least 50% of the senior class completes the FAFSA. The additional funds must be expended by June 1, 2026 with any remaining funds being sent back to ABOR.

Based on completion data, Canyon Del Oro met/exceeded the 50% completion requirement and will, upon agreement of the addendum, be allocated an additional \$2,000 to support FAFSA promotional events.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board’s action. The administration recommends approval of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement.

INITIATED BY:

Matthew Munger
Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education

Date: March 17, 2026

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent