



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

DATE OF MEETING: June 26, 2018

TITLE: Approval to Distribute Bonus Monies Received Pursuant to ARS 15-249.06(C)

BACKGROUND: Last year, the State of Arizona approved the payment of an incentive bonus to school districts and charter schools for each high school student who receives a passing score during the previous fiscal year for college credit in the area of mathematics, English language arts or science. This new law, codified as ARS 15-249.06(C), provides for the following incentive bonus payments to school districts and charter schools:

- A student who receives a passing score on a qualifying examination and who is enrolled in a school where 50% or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced price lunches shall generate for the school district or charter school a bonus of \$450 per passing score on a qualifying examination (subject to availability of funds).

- A student who receives a passing score on a qualifying examination and who is enrolled in a school where less than 50% of the students are eligible for free or reduced price lunches shall generate for the school district or charter school a bonus of \$300 per passing score on a qualifying examination (subject to availability of funds).

Qualifying exams include Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge International Exam (Cambridge) A and AS Level and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams.

The District has received these “College Credit by Exam Incentive Bonus” funds from the State of Arizona for students who received passing scores on qualified AP and IB tests during FY 2016-2017. The State advises that the distribution for Cambridge tests is forthcoming.

ARS 15-249.06(D) requires that the District “*distribute at least fifty percent of the bonus monies to the associated classroom teacher for each student who passes a qualifying examination.*” The remainder of any bonus monies received by the District “*shall be used for teacher professional development or student instructional support or materials.*”

The purpose of this item is to advise the Governing Board about the receipt of the College Credit by Exam Incentive Bonus funds and to request authorization to distribute sixty percent (60%) of the funds received for each student who passed the qualifying examination during FY 2016-2017 to the associated classroom teacher. This percentage is consistent with the percentage of bonus funds distributed to qualified teachers earlier this year for “Results Based Funding” bonus monies approved by the State. The total amount, with matching costs, equates to a distribution to the associated teacher for each student receiving a passing score on a qualified exam in the amount of: (a) \$225 for students attending a school that receives Title 1 funds and (b) \$150 for students attending a school that does not qualify for Title 1 funds. The specific amount to be distributed to the associated teacher is presented on the “Approval of Personnel Changes” Board Agenda Item.



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RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of Administration that the Governing Board approve the distribution of sixty percent (60%) of any College Credit by Exam Incentive Bonus monies received by the District pursuant to ARS 15-249.06(C) to the associated classroom teacher for the student who passed the qualified exam.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: June 21, 2018

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