



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

DATE OF MEETING: **September 9, 2014**

TITLE: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County JTED for Joint Use of Amphitheater Public Schools Land Lab

BACKGROUND:

The Pima County Joint Technological Education District (the JTED) has approached the District administration to request the formation of a new partnership with Amphitheater. The JTED currently operates a Veterinary Assistant Program (VAP) which requires hands-on experience with large and small animals for its students and has proposed conducting VAP classes twice each week at the Amphitheater Public Schools Land Lab.

The Amphitheater School District Land Lab provides a unique opportunity for Amphitheater students to work with large animals in an instructional setting, under the guidance and supervision of a trained animal sciences teacher and support personnel. In exchange for the opportunity for JTED VAP students to also obtain hands-on learning at the Land Lab, JTED proposes to supplement the Land Lab educational program and staffing through JTED's hiring of a full-time Veterinary Technician who will provide Veterinary services to the animals housed there. Amphitheater students will benefit from the learning opportunities affording by the onsite presence of the Veterinary Tech and, like the JTED students visiting the Land Lab or attending classes there, will be able to observe and work beside this veterinary care provider. Students of both Amphitheater and the JTED will also have the opportunity to be trained in performing certain veterinary procedures for the care and treatment of District-owned livestock located at the Land Lab – developing skills necessary for qualification for career opportunities in the veterinary sciences.

A form of intergovernmental agreement which will put this new partnership with the JTED into effect will be provided by supplement to this item. The term of agreement will be for one year and will subsequently be renewable at the discretion of the parties.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board's approval, which the administration recommends.

INITIATED BY:

Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: September 8, 2014

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent