



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

DATE OF MEETING: **April 27, 2021**

TITLE: **Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County for Additional
Preschool Classes**

BACKGROUND:

On February 16, 2021, the Pima County Board of Supervisors approved directing \$10 million in funds to assist preschool age children from low-income families to attend high quality early education programs. The county then contacted Amphitheater Public Schools to inquire whether the District can offer county-funded preschool classes for DES-qualified students at its schools. The result of that discussion is the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), which, if approved, authorizes Pima County to fund three preschool classes on a per-class basis, for up to 20 students, to be qualified by DES, at Amphitheater schools.

Under the IGA, the District is responsible to coordinate and teach the county-funded preschool classes using District resources and with District personnel. The District can enroll non-DES qualified students in the classes on a tuition basis, and Pima County can deduct that tuition from the amount that it pays the District each month to run the classes.

On May 11, 2021, the County Administrator will present a plan to fund preschool classes at multiple public schools and preschool facilities throughout the county to the Board of Supervisors. The county has requested that schools who are interested in participating in the plan approve the proposed IGA so that they can be ready to begin steps to establish their preschool classes once the Board of Supervisors approves the plan. Therefore, Administration is presenting this IGA to the Governing Board for consideration before the county has final approval from the Board of Supervisors for the plan. If revisions are required after the Board of Supervisors reviews the plan, the revised IGA will be brought back to the Governing Board for review again.

Administration recommends that Amphitheater Public Schools enter into the attached IGA with Pima County to enable the District to expand its preschool offerings next year. The IGA, as proposed, will assist the District to establish additional tuition-based preschool classes at three additional campuses over a two-year period using county funds of up to \$396,000. The IGA notes a slight difference in the amount to be paid per student depending on whether the student is age three or four.

The proposed IGA has been submitted to the attorneys for each party for approval as to the form and content. It is in the proper form and is within the powers and authority granted to Amphitheater to execute the IGA.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached IGA with Pima County.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: April 26, 2021

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent