



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

DATE OF MEETING: September 4, 2012

TITLE: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Between the District and the Town of Oro Valley Regarding School Resource Officers (SROs)

BACKGROUND: For several years, the Town of Oro Valley Policy Department has, with District approval, placed police officers as school resource officers in District schools. Initially placed in the District's high schools and then at other schools, the SROs provide invaluable service by protecting the safety of students and staff while also encouraging positive behaviors among students through their visible presence and the mentoring and educational roles they serve at their schools.

SRO programs across the country have proven the benefits of a police presence on school campuses through prevention of or reductions in school violence, drug use, and other illegal activity.

The presented agreement would continue the cooperation of the District and Town in serving their common community through this program of outreach and safety for the community's youngest constituents.

Terms include the District's contribution of \$70,000 toward TOWN costs incurred in its employment of the law enforcement officers who serve in an SRO capacity – support the District has contributed for several years. The term of agreement for the current fiscal year would be renewable for next fiscal year as well.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends the Governing Board approve the attached form of agreement.

INITIATED BY:

Todd A. Jaeger, Associate to the Superintendent

Date: August 29, 2012

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent