



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**        **April 12, 2022**

**TITLE:**        **Approval of Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County approved on May 12, 2021 and a New Intergovernmental Agreement with Pima County to Fund Preschool Classes at 10 Schools**

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**BACKGROUND:**

On May 12, 2021, the Governing Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Pima County to fund preschool classes under the Pima Early Education Program (PEEPs) in the Amphitheater District at Amphitheater High School, Holaway Elementary School, and Walker Elementary School (collectively, original PEEPS classes). Under that IGA, Pima County planned to fund the original PEEPS classes from its general fund.

However, the Pima County Board of Supervisors subsequently approved changes to the source of funding for PEEPS preschool classes county-wide. In August 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved converting federal financial assistance that the county received from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA CSLFRF) to fund PEEPS preschool classes. This change requires amendment to the IGA approved May 12, 2021.

Pima County has proposed the two attached agreements to Amphitheater Public Schools to address these changes to PEEPs preschool funding source. First, it proposes the IGA amendment entitled “Amendment One” to terminate funding for the original PEEPS classes from its general fund. Next, it proposes the IGA entitled “Federal Financial Assistance Subaward” to instead fund all original PEEPS classes from its ASPA CSLFRF funds.

In addition, Pima County would like to fund 7 additional new preschool classes in the Amphitheater District under similar terms as the original PEEPs classes. In addition to the original PEEPs classes, the Federal Financial Assistance Subaward proposes having the county fund a new preschool class at each of the following 7 District schools: Canyon del Oro High School, Copper Creek Elementary School, Donaldson Elementary School, Nash Elementary School, Keeling Elementary School, Rio Vista Elementary School, and Prince Elementary School (collectively, the “7 new PEEPS classes”).

If approved, the Federal Financial Assistance Subaward will require Pima County to fund 10 preschool classes in the Amphitheater District using the ASPA CSLFRF funds that the county receives from the federal government. Moreover, the Federal Financial Assistance Subaward proposes to fund all 10 PEEPS preschool classes through May 30, 2024, which is one year longer than the IGA previously approved on May 12, 2021.

While the terms of the Federal Financial Assistance Subaward are generally the same as those approved by the Governing Board on May 12, 2021 for the 3 original PEEPs classes, the amount of the funding to be provided to the District by Pima County to cover these PEEPS preschool classes has increased to \$3,548,960.00 to account for the additional 7 classes and the extended time period. The Federal Financial Assistance Subaward also contains terms required by the federal government for programs funded by the federal government. These terms are consistent with other federal financial assistance subawards in place in the District.

Administration recommends that Amphitheater Public Schools enter into both the Amendment and the Federal Financial Assistance Subaward to enable the District to continue and even expand its preschool offerings next year. Given the increased number of preschool classes, it is important that both agreements be considered by the Governing Board as soon as possible so that Administration can hire staff for the 7 additional preschool classes.

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.



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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends that the Board approve the attached Amendment and Federal Financial Assistance Subaward intergovernmental agreements with Pima County as presented.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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Michelle H. Tong, J.D.,  
Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

Date: April 11, 2022

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Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent