

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

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STATE BOARD MEETING DATE May 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Districts for Consideration to Approve Additional Monies for Teacher Compensation for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Relating to A.R.S. § 15-952

SUBMITTED BY: Todd Petersen, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Educator Excellence Section

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: May 1, 2014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A.R.S. §15-952.A specifies that if granted State Board approval, a local school district governing board may calculate its revenue control limit and district support level for the budget year using the base level prescribed in A.R.S. §15-952.B.2 and increased by 1.25 percent.

A.R.S. §15-952.A.3. (a) & (b) specifies that if a local governing board is requesting continuing approval, the local governing board shall: 1) provide evidence that "the school district's teacher performance evaluation system meets the standards recommended by the state board", and 2) the persons evaluating teachers for retention decisions meet the minimum qualifications for evaluators recommended by the state board as prescribed in A.R.S. §15-537".

To provide this evidence to the State Board, the ADE asked districts requesting continuing approval to submit Statements of Assurance attesting the conditions of A.R.S. §15.952 and A.R.S. §15.537. The ADE accepts Statements of Assurance until May 1 annually and submits monthly recommendations to the State Board for approval.

The districts listed in **Attachment A** have submitted the Statement of Assurance as required evidence.

If other districts choose to participate at a later date, their names will be submitted to the Board for consideration of preliminary approval as prescribed in A.R.S §15-952.A.1.(a), (b) and (d).

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW

That the Board grants approval to the local governing boards listed in attachment A to calculate the district budget in fiscal year 2015 to allow for additional monies for teacher compensation relating to A.R.S. §15-952.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []

