

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE



STATE BOARD MEETING DATE September 22, 2008

SUBJECT: Designation of Alternative Media Producers

SUBMITTED BY: Colette Chapman, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Exceptional Student Services

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Arizona House Bill 2441, as signed by the governor, amended ARS 15-203 by requiring the State Board of Education to designate “alternative media producers to adapt existing standard print textbooks or to provide specialized textbooks, or both.” The State Board of Education is further required to post the list of designated alternative media producers on its website.

The American Printing House for the Blind maintains an Accessible Media Producers database (AMP) through its website which is available to anyone. This database is national in scope and open to any alternative media producer wishing to register. Exceptional Student Services recommends that the individuals and agencies in this database be designated as alternative media producers for the State of Arizona and that the list generated from this database be the list posted on the State Board of Education website along with a link to the database itself which includes a search feature to narrow results.

Any local alternative media producer wishing to be included on the state list will be assisted in registering with the AMP database.

The link to the American Printing House AMP database is <http://www.aph.org/ampdb.htm> .

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

ATTACHMENTS: YES [] NO [X]