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2014 Comprehensive Legislative Brief now available online
ASBA’s Comprehensive Legislative Brief offers you a clear summary of every bill in 2014 that could impact school districts. These summaries include a synopsis of current law, the provisions of each bill as well as their relevant amendments, and the name of the primary sponsor. The bills are in numerical order, with House bills first, and Senate bills after. The document can be searched for key words using the “find” function (Ctrl +F). Please direct all questions to Geoff Esposito, governmental relations analyst, at gesposito@azsba.org. Read the full brief online.

Cindy Matus Morriss leaves ASBA Board of Directors after 20 years
We recently honored a true servant leader. After two decades of service on our board of directors, including a term as president, Patagonia ESD Governing Board Member Cindy Matus Morriss attended her last ASBA board meeting on Friday, March 14. It has been our privilege to call Cindy a friend and advocate, and for that we offer our deepest appreciation. She is known and respected for her impeccable integrity, passion for children and public schools, tireless commitment to her fellow school board members throughout Arizona and the nation, which she demonstrated through her longtime involvement in ASBA and the National School Boards Association. Cindy will continue to serve on her local board through 2016 – and promises to continue to be a presence at ASBA events!

ASBA Salary Survey results mail out next week
Over 120 districts responded to this year’s salary and benefits survey for administrative and certified personnel. Participating districts’ superintendents and board presidents will receive an advance electronic copy for their use. All other districts will receive a printed copy. This year’s survey was streamlined and re-focused to better capture pertinent information and has been designed to serve as a resource to provide the most recent information on teacher and administrator compensation and related benefits. Requests for information for next year’s
survey will be emailed to districts in November 2014. For questions or more information contact Shirley Simpson, membership services coordinator.

Attending NSBA Conference in April? Please stop by ASBA Reception
ASBA, in conjunction with the National School Boards Association, will be hosting a reception on Sat., April 5, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Versailles Ballroom. ASBA Insurance Trust (ASBAIT) and The Trust will be sponsoring this event with complimentary beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres. If you are attending the conference, please stop by and see us! 
Printable invitation

Congratulations to Murphy ESD on winning 2014 Magna Award
Murphy ESD was the only Arizona district so honored. This prestigious award, a partnership between Sodexo Quality of Life Services and the American School Board Journal, rewards school districts for their innovation in taking bold steps to advance student learning. Murphy’s recognition comes from their school board’s implementation of a program called EMPOWER-Equipping Murphy Parent with Opportunities for Wellness, Education and Responsibility. Current members of Murphy school board are Arthur Murillo, Daniel Palomino, Ellisaveth Franco, Eric Buckmaster, and Raymond Rodriguez. Read story

“School Board Service in Arizona” to be topic of upcoming ASBA webinars
“School Board Service in Arizona” is the topic of three free webinars this spring aimed at community members interested in learning more about what it takes to serve on a local school board. Each of these one-hour online events will cover the eligibility requirements and the basics of running for office, and also what school board members do (and don’t do), as well as the rewards and challenges of board service. ASBA staff will also provide answers to frequently asked questions about board service and respond to questions from webinar participants. Dates and times are:
- Tuesday, March 25, from noon to 1 p.m.
- Monday, March 31, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 26, from 10-11 a.m.
To register for the webinars, download the flyer and access the recorded webinar when it becomes available, visit the Becoming a Board Member page on our website. For those unable to participate live at one of these times, a recorded version of the webinar will also be available on ASBA’s website on March 26.

Signed up for AZEdNews yet?
This week’s top stories include a data snapshot of Arizona’s public schools and an interview with Vince Yanez, the former executive director of the State Board of Education who is now the executive director of the Arizona Community Foundation’s Venture Fund for Quality Education. In addition to fresh AZEdNews reporting, a few clicks of your mouse will get you the top state and national news stories, and access to the latest state and national education data and reports. Check it out at www.azednews.com.

Educator Appreciation Night at Arizona Dbacks vs. Giants on March 31
Opening day is right around the corner and the Arizona Diamondbacks would like to kick off the season with an exclusive “thank-you” offer for teachers and educators: $8 Infield Reserve Tickets for opening day. Come show your appreciation for our education leaders and enjoy a great game in our beautiful Phoenix weather. Be sure to use promo code “TEACHER.” Information/tickets.
For any accessible seating or groups of 10 or larger, please contact Daren Heaton at 602.462.4233 or dheaton@dbacks.com.

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**ASBA Executive Searches**

**Now open:**
- Superintendent, Somerton USD (closes 5 p.m. March 19): [online application](#)
- Superintendent, Palominas ESD (closes 5 p.m. March 24): [online application](#)

**Opening soon:**
None at this time

Looking for an interim superintendent? ASBA can help. We maintain a database of people interested in serving as interim superintendents. We will post your requirements and send to this list, then provide you with applications from those individuals interested in your position. There is no charge for this service. For assistance in this area, contact Steve Highlen, ASBA Executive Search Consultant, at [shighlen@azsba.org](mailto:shighlen@azsba.org).

- Subscribe to Report Card [Just click here](#)
- Questions about the **ASBA Report Card** e-newsletter? Contact Shirley Simpson, ASBA Membership Services Coordinator, at [ssimpson@azsba.org](mailto:ssimpson@azsba.org).

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