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ASBA 39th Annual Law Conference registration and hotel reservations now open!
The best reviewed ASBA event and the largest school law conference of its kind in the country
is once again being held at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale. This information-packed
conference from Sept. 10-11 will have national bestselling author Emily Bazelon speaking on
school bullying and creating a culture of empathy in our schools. Special guest Clay Jenkinson
returns in his alternate personas of Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt to
talk about what makes a good citizen. Starting on Wednesday, Sept. 9, you will have a choice of
three outstanding pre-conferences: School Finance; Preventing, Managing and Resolving OCR
Complaints; and School Law 1010 series.
Please note that registration is separate for the pre- and main conferences and it is not required
to register for both.

- Main conference registration is $400/person and includes access to all online materials
  and meals. Non-member fee is $800/person. Main Conference Registration/information
- Pre-conference registration is $200/person and includes access to all online materials
  for all three pre-conference sessions and meals. Pre-Conference
  Registration/information

Deadline for all cancellations is Wednesday, Sept. 2, and must be in writing and faxed to
602.254.1177 by that date. No shows or cancellations received after Sept. 2 will not be
refunded; however, those registered are entitled to send substitutes in their place.

For hotel reservations, rooms are $159 single/double. Call JW Marriot Camelback Inn at
800.242.2635 no later than Aug. 19 and ask for the ASBA conference rate, or register online

ASBA Delegate Assembly scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12
The morning following our Law Conference at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn in Scottsdale,
ASBA will hold its annual Delegate Assembly. Board members have been sent a 2016 draft
political agenda with recommendations by the Legislative Committee to be voted on at this meeting. It is at our annual Delegate Assembly that delegates from member districts vote to determine the association’s political agenda for the coming year. This critical policy-determining meeting is your opportunity to share your board’s views.

This year’s assembly will be held at the JW Marriott Camelback starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12. Registration is $55/person and includes a continental breakfast. Registration deadline is Sept. 2. Names of delegate and alternate (if any) must be provided by that date as well.

Delegate Assembly Form

Host districts selected for ASBA county meetings
Don’t forget to save the date for your county’s meeting. Dates and host districts for this year are:

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Elections for county directors, who serve on the ASBA board of directors, will be held in Greenlee, Graham, Apache, Navajo, Yuma, Maricopa, Pinal, Cochise and Pima. If you are interested in running for county director office: CD Application

Find your score as a school board member
Can you rate your board 100% on the following?
Annual board self-evaluation
Clear mission, vision and goals
Effective community connection
Successful board-superintendent relationship

If you find one or more areas needing attention, schedule a customized training by ASBA this coming year. For more information, contact Karen Loftus, director of leadership development, at 602.254.1100 or via email at kloftus@azsba.org.

Got student or district success ideas or strategy programs? Tell us about it!
We are looking for breakout session proposals for our annual conference at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix from Dec. 10-11. Breakout sessions are 50 minutes in length and will be scheduled either Thursday afternoon, Dec. 10, or Friday morning, Dec. 11.

We are looking for breakout sessions in these seven topic areas:
- Enhanced equity, inclusion & excellence
- Success stories using technology
- Improved student achievement
- Highly effective board practices
- Improved district operations
- Successful change or innovation
- Collaboration with students, staff, parents or the community

Deadline is Aug. 28. For requirements, details and to submit an RFP: 2015 ASBA-ASA Annual Conference Breakout Session Information/Submission Form

DeLaO selected as president of Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA)
Congratulations go to longtime Safford USD board member and former ASBA president, Mike DeLaO, as the new president of AIA. This organization, with roots going back to 1913 and established by public and private high schools, encourages maximum student participation in interscholastic activities by promoting an ethical culture for AIA members in which they can create and sustain an “even playing field” to ensure fair and equitable competition.” Read more: AIAonline

PolicyBridge Overview and FAQs webinar available online
If you didn’t have a chance to listen to it live on June 25, it is now available online for your convenience: PolicyBridge Webinar

Teacher shortage, falling grad rates highlight last week’s AZEdNews
- Teacher shortage pinches AZ pipeline for district leaders
  Teachers aren’t the only educational leaders in short supply in Arizona. School district superintendents are, too. About 47 of Arizona’s 225 public school districts, or about 20 percent, will have a new leader for the school year starting in August and more than half of them have no previous superintendent experience.

- Falling grad rate adds urgency to turnaround efforts
  Arizona school districts and nonprofit organizations are using nationally proven strategies and innovative practices in their efforts to turnaround a high school graduation rate that has declined in Arizona for three years in a row, notably among low-income and minority students, who are a majority of the state’s school-age population. Arizona is one
of only four states whose four-year adjusted cohort graduation rates have declined for the past three years that statistics are available, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Stories by You stories:

- **Festive commencement celebrates Tucson Unified’s summer graduates**
  The auditorium at Rincon High School was packed with proud and enthusiastic family and friends as graduates’ names were read Thursday night at the Summer Commencement Ceremony. Administrators from each of the participating schools — Agave, Cholla, Pueblo, Sahuaro, Sabino, Catalina, Palo Verde, Rincon, Tucson High and Project More — called the names of their graduates, and members of the audience cheered, sounded horns and applauded for their students.

- **Replicating district turnaround: What works is customization**
  [http://azednews.com/2015/06/30/replicating-district-turnaround-what-works-is-customization/](http://azednews.com/2015/06/30/replicating-district-turnaround-what-works-is-customization/)
  Once leaders in Phoenix’s Balsz Elementary School District committed to embarking on serious school improvement, they didn’t have far to look for an inspirational model. Nearby Creighton Elementary School District was already several years into a comprehensive turnaround process, and achieving considerable success. The path to replicating Creighton’s improvements might have seemed straightforward. Yet Balsz pursued a path to turnaround that was very different from Creighton’s — a difference that was both intentional and key to success.

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**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.

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