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**AGENDA ITEM: Compliance Matters - Arizona School Improvement Plan****Issue**

The Board is being asked to acknowledge the submission of the ASIP for each first-year *Underperforming* school that it sponsors.

**Background Information**

In accordance with A.R.S. §15-241(M), within ninety days of receiving an *Underperforming* designation, the charter holder shall present an improvement plan to the charter sponsor at a public meeting and submit a copy of the plan to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In October 2008, 26 charter schools were designated as *Underperforming* according to their AZ LEARNS achievement profiles. Nineteen (19) are first-year *Underperforming* charters sponsored by the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools.

The Arizona School Improvement Plan is an online planning tool designed to provide schools with a stronger foundation for improved student achievement and sustained school improvement. The Department of Education assigns a Solutions Team and Assist Coach to each *Underperforming* school to collaborate on the plan's development and its implementation.

The deadline for submission of the school improvement plans was January 6, 2009. Of the 19 charters sponsored by the Board, 18 submitted their School Improvement Plan electronically by the deadline. One (1) charter submitted a partial ASIP by the deadline and submitted a revised ASIP after the deadline.

A.R.S. §15-241(M) states that a copy of the plan will be provided to the sponsor. However, the Arizona School Improvement Plans are now submitted electronically to the Department of Education. Staff has confirmed that a plan has been submitted for each charter and a copy of each plan can be provided to the Board upon request. The Board is being asked to acknowledge the submission of the ASIP for each first-year *Underperforming* schools that it sponsors.

**Board Options**

Acknowledge the submission and availability of the Arizona School Improvement Plan for each school on the agenda.