

## **AIA Statement**

### **AIA STAFF AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MOURNING THE UNEXPECTED PASSING OF AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESIDENT, ART WAGNER**

PHOENIX, AZ (May 15, 2013) – The AIA Staff and Executive Board wish to offer their condolences to the Higley Unified School District, family members and friends of Executive Board President, Art Wagner. All of us are grieving this tremendous loss to our community and want to express our appreciation for Art's long term dedication to education and interscholastic activities.



Prior to his death, Mr. Wagner, the Executive Director of Support Services at Higley Unified School District, was serving as the current AIA Executive Board President. He had also served on the 4A Conference Committee as the Executive Board Representative and on the Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Board of Directors. Mr. Wagner had been an educator for 20 years. We are grateful for his service and the time we had the privilege of working with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

#### **About the Arizona Interscholastic Association:**

The AIA, is voluntary association of public and private Arizona high schools. Since 1913, the organization has created and sustained interscholastic activities that encourage maximum student participation by providing AIA member schools with an even playing field to ensure fair and equitable competition. The AIA believes that providing interscholastic activities for Arizona high school students creates personal development opportunities with a balanced focus on academics and extracurricular activities. Through its 272 member schools, the AIA reaches more than 95,000 participants in high school activity programs. The organization hosts 4000 championship contests and maintains officiating for more than 45,000 regular season games. For more information, visit [www.aiaonline.org](http://www.aiaonline.org) and [www.aia365.com](http://www.aia365.com)

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