



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM  
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

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**DATE OF MEETING:**        **December 8, 2015**

**TITLE:**    **Recognition of Rodel Exemplary Teachers**

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**BACKGROUND:**

For 13 years, the Rodel Exemplary Teacher Initiative has honored extraordinary teachers for their ability to spur achievement in high-poverty schools and mentor promising student teachers who will lead tomorrow's classrooms. This year, 15 teachers earned the Rodel Foundation's "2016 Exemplary Teacher" elite status, including two from Amphitheater Public Schools.

The Rodel Exemplary Teacher program recognizes highly effective teachers through a rigorous selection process that is based on the recommendation of their administration, an analysis of student achievement, ability to mentor new teachers, and interviews and onsite observation by members of the Rodel team.

Rodel Exemplary Teachers have the unique opportunity of "paying it forward" by training the next generation of effective teachers. Rodel staff help them hone their mentorship skills by providing further training, which can have a significant positive impact not only on new student teachers entering the profession, but also the teachers they work with on their campuses on a daily basis.

Tonight we recognize our 2016 Rodel Exemplary Teachers:

**Polly Kimminau**, La Cima Middle School

**Donna Varma**, Rio Vista Elementary School

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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**Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations**

**Date: November 30, 2015**

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**Patrick Nelson, Superintendent**