



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:** March 10, 2026

**TITLE:** Recognition of the Arizona Educational Foundation A+ Schools of Excellence

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**BACKGROUND:**

Since 1983, the A+ School of Excellence program through the Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF) has served to identify and recognize educational excellence in public schools throughout the state.

Schools that earn the A+ School of Excellence Award stand out for their dedication to providing exceptional education to the students of Arizona, implementing practices that go far beyond the standard. The A+ award transcends test scores and letter grades, examining every facet of school success.

A+ School of Excellence Award-winning schools consistently demonstrate:

- Commitment to quality and opportunity for all students
- High standards for academic achievement
- Responsiveness to the evolving educational landscape
- Safe, learner-focused environments
- Support for innovative, teacher-led instruction
- Holistic care for students' social, academic, and intellectual needs
- Outstanding service to children, families and their community

After a rigorous application process, school visit, and interviews with staff, students, and parents, **Copper Creek Elementary, Harelson Elementary, and Keeling Elementary** have been awarded the A+ School of Excellence distinction by the AEF.

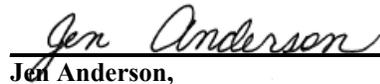
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

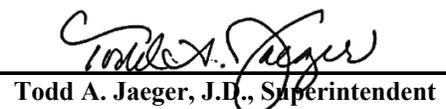
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**INITIATED BY:**



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Date: February 25, 2026

  
Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent