



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

DATE OF MEETING: **May 3, 2016**

TITLE: **Recognition of Rosemary Badian**

BACKGROUND:

Amphitheater Public Schools is fortunate to have a large number of dedicated volunteers that assist our students in schools each year. Rosemary Badian, a retired Raytheon Engineer, has shown dedication and leadership in her volunteerism by recruiting a cadre of retired engineers who have spent nearly every Thursday at Keeling Elementary School working with teachers and students to implement Engineering is Elementary (EiE). On any given Thursday at Keeling, you might see these dedicated volunteers preparing a kit of materials for a classroom, or working in conjunction with the teacher to assist students in learning basic engineering concepts. Through teacher leadership, and the assistance of these volunteers, Keeling had their first Science and Engineering Fair in over ten years.

The following quote from the principal at Keeling sums up the impact that Ms. Badian and the other volunteers have had on the school:

“Rosemary has been instrumental in coordinating our STEM volunteer program this year at Keeling. She recruited and trained numerous retired Raytheon volunteers who selflessly dedicated their time to supporting our school. She helped to organize the volunteer schedule and communicated with the volunteers, our teachers, our STEM coordinator, and with me on a weekly basis. Rosemary also provided training for our classroom teachers on the implementation of their individual EiE kits. Ms. Badian always has a smile on her face and is friendly and outgoing with both adults and children. Our students adore her and look forward to STEM Thursdays when she is on campus. I have seen their faces light up when she enters a classroom and their excitement is evident as she works with them. Her leadership, dedication and passion for STEM education is directly reflected in the amazing growth of our STEM program at Keeling this year. I truly don’t know what we would have done without her.” – Annette Orelup, Keeling Principal

Rosemary Badian is to be commended for her dedication in the implementation of high quality engineering programs for elementary students, and, for her leadership in recruiting others to assist her in this worthy endeavor.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Dr. Roseanne Lopez, Chief Academic Officer Elementary Education

Date: April 25, 2016

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent