



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

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**DATE OF MEETING: December 11, 2013**

**TITLE: Recognition of Emc2 Group Architects Planners PC – Recipient of the  
“Outstanding Design” Award 2013 for Rillito Center’s Bond-Funded Project**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Emc2 Group Architects Planners, PC: Rillito Center has been selected for Outstanding Designs for Specialized Facilities and is featured in the 2013 *American School & University Architectural Portfolio*.

The success of the Rillito Center Project can be directly attributed to the dedication of the Emc2 staff, their school design experience, and the tireless efforts of the Rillito Center Staff, led by Rillito Center Principal Linda Haller. The synergy between Emc2 and the Rillito Center Staff during design was the cornerstone of a greatly enhanced facility that serves Amphitheater Public Schools special needs students in ways that were unimaginable before the construction was completed.

The project scope included the remodel of the existing 8,000 square foot center, and the addition of 20,000 square feet of new classrooms, health offices, and administration space. The extra space allows for easier mobility for wheelchairs and therapy equipment. The environment is designed with a low level of distraction and sensory stimulus to reduce student anxiety. Access to outdoor learning areas enables students to grow in sensory experience and mobility training.

This award is a testament to the “Outstanding Design” that produced a new, exciting, and very functional facility for Amphitheater Public School students.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**INITIATED BY:**

**Doug Aho, Executive Manger Operational Support**

**Date: December 4, 2013**

**Patrick Nelson, Superintendent**