



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**        May 7, 2019

**TITLE:**                    Recognition of Canyon del Oro High School Academic Decathlon Team

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Canyon del Oro High School (CDO) Academic Decathlon Team earned second place at the Arizona Academic Decathlon in March 2019. The team lost to Hamilton High School by 9.1 points out of a possible 60,000 points. In an Academic Decathlon competition, a team answers a total of over 3,000 questions. The difference between the two teams was less than ½ of one question.

The team’s performance qualified them for the National Large School Online Championship.

In the Academic Decathlon, students match their intellects with students from other schools. They compete in ten categories, including written tests in Art, Economics, Literature, Math, Music, Science, and Social Science. They also write an essay on a curriculum-related topic, deliver both a prepared and impromptu speech, and are interviewed by a panel of judges. The 2018-19 curricular theme was “The 1960s: A Transformational Decade.”

Chloe Penna earned multiple medals, posting one of the best scores in CDO history.

The following students will be recognized as members of the Canyon del Oro High School Academic Decathlon state championship team:

- Chloe Penna
- Jessica Sheldon
- Allienna Nezelek
- Carter Hollings
- Trevor Torres
- Sydney Enos
- Matthew Ceja
- Gabby Applebaugh
- Gillian Cole

Coach:  
Chris Yetman

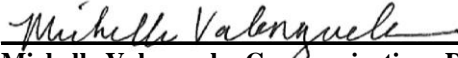
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

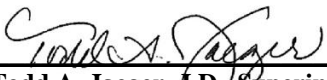
This is presented for the Board’s information and recognition.

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**INITIATED BY:**

  
Michelle Valenzuela, Communications Director

Date: May 1, 2019

  
Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent