



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

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2021

TITLE: Academic Coordinators – Position Overview, Progress & Goals

BACKGROUND:

Our District is very fortunate to have three outstanding educators serving as our District Academic Coordinators. Ms. Pam Vandivort is our STEM/Science Coordinator, Ms. Polly Kimminau is our Mathematics Coordinator, and Ms. Karla Campillo, is our recently hired ELA Coordinator.

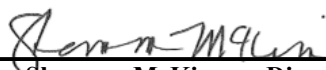
These important positions are critical in the pursuit of academic excellence for our students. Over time, each Coordinator has collected a significant amount of data, both qualitative and quantitative to help answer the question, “How can we best support teachers to improve student learning?” Individually, they have met in person and virtually with department heads and grade level teams, modeled a variety of instructional methods, developed curriculum materials, coordinated professional development opportunities with curriculum experts, facilitated many workshops and office hours, and responded to numerous teacher requests for information, guidance, and ideas.

It is so exciting to see the quantitative impact their efforts are having on teaching and learning in the classroom. It's showing in the benchmark metrics we've analyzed over the past couple of years. Qualitatively, the level of collaboration among colleagues and schools taking place since they've each assumed their roles is very encouraging. Given what we know about achieving significant, long-lasting change in teaching practice positively correlated with growth in student achievement, I firmly believe we are well on our way to this reality. It is due, in large part, to the strong work ethic, sound subject knowledge, effective professional development design and exceptional interpersonal skills these women possess.

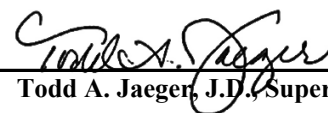
RECOMMENDATION:

This presentation is provided for Governing Board information.

INITIATED BY:


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Date: May 3, 2021


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