



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

DATE OF MEETING: **June 12, 2018**

TITLE: **Recognition of Breaking Barriers Essay Contest Winner**

BACKGROUND:

Each year April 15 marks the anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the race barrier in baseball in 1947. Honoring this important event, the Breaking Barriers Essay Contest is a chance for diverse students of all backgrounds in grades 4-9 to share their personal stories about how they use Jackie Robinson’s nine values to face their own barriers.

Esme Curran, a 4th grade student in Mrs. Tilicki’s class at Innovation Academy, was one of two “MVP winners” in the nation, after writing about how she overcame the obstacles in her life. She was born with a heart disease and related her struggles to Jackie Robinson.

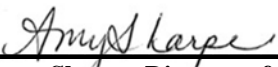
She was recently recognized at the Arizona Diamondbacks game on April 22 and got to meet Jackie Robinson’s daughter, Sharon Robinson. Esme and her classmates and their families also got a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility.

Esme was recognized by the Governing Board during a presentation at Innovation Academy and received her certificate before the end of the school year.

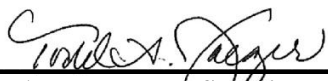
RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:


Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations

Date: May 3, 2018


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent