



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

DATE OF MEETING: November 15, 2016

TITLE: Samantha Krenzer, ELL Teacher of the Year Runner-up

BACKGROUND:

Samantha Krenzer, an ELL teacher at Prince Elementary, was recently named ELL Teacher of the Year Runner-up. Here's some of what Jayne Huseby, the ELL Coordinator for the Amphitheater District, said in her letter of recommendation for Ms. Krenzer:

Ms. Krenzer instills in her students an intrinsic love of learning to the point that the dynamic in that classroom is electrifying. She not only builds language, she builds character which is an essential ingredient to her success. That explains why last year 54% of her students were proficient on the AZELLA and 65% moved from one level to the next. Three of her students jumped two levels and one student jumped three levels to proficient! Her classroom claimed almost 50% of all reclassifications at this school last year! These results are even more outstanding considering that many of her students have not had the benefit of any formal education prior to their enrollment.

It was easy to see how Samantha has garnered the respect and love of her students. For the last four years, she used her community contacts to coordinate efforts with another school district to collect clothing, books, toys, and household items for her needy families. Students from this partner district arrive in December with a bus filled with presents to give to Prince students. In addition, last year she visited almost 90% of the parents of her students in their homes. When she saw their needs, she returned to their apartments with essentials from her friends and family.

Samantha's classroom is recognized by curriculum coaches and District personnel as the place you bring teachers you need to inspire and to demonstrate that limits do not have to be placed on students who are learning English. There is no glass ceiling in this classroom!

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board recognize Ms. Krenzer for her accomplishments.

INITIATED BY:

Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent

Date: November 2, 2016

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent