



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

DATE OF MEETING: **October 16, 2018**

TITLE: **Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists**

BACKGROUND:

We are proud to recognize two students who were recently named National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists:

- **Chloe Penna**, Canyon del Oro High School
- **Bethany Harrison**, Ironwood Ridge High School

In addition to the aforementioned students, we had several students from our high schools who made the list of Commended Students in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. The Commended Students are recognized for their exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

Students qualify to become semi-finalists based on their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). Nationwide, this group of approximately 16,000 semifinalists represent less than one percent of all U.S. high school seniors. These very bright and talented young students have a chance to compete for nearly \$31 million in scholarship money for college.

To become a finalist, the students and their schools must submit a detailed scholarship application providing information about their academic achievements, community projects, leadership experience, employment, and honors they have received.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Michael Bejarano
Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education

Date: September 24, 2018

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent