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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD student and staff achievements:

Postal History Foundation Postcard Design Contest Winners

Elizabeth Luxbacher, a freshman at Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS), has been named the Grand Prize Winner in the Postal History Foundation's postcard design contest, celebrating Tucson's 250th birthday. Her artwork, featuring a Gila Woodpecker among blooming saguaros, will represent Tucson in this historic milestone year. Ventana Vista third grader Saison Maulsby placed third in the contest. More information, including how to order the postcards, can be found at www.postalhistoryfoundation.org.

Catalina Foothills High School

Catalina Foothills senior Chase Cesarek captured the championship at the Brophy Rodeo golf tournament on Saturday, August 23 at Grayhawk Golf Club's Raptor Course in Scottsdale. This marks Chase's second consecutive Brophy Rodeo title, a true accomplishment in a highly competitive high school golf tournament. Chase recently committed to Division I Utah Tech but continues to shine for the Falcons under the guidance of Head Coach Julie Walters. Congratulations, Chase, on this outstanding performance and well-deserved victory!

We are proud to celebrate Renee Shane-Boyd, Director of Bands, for being named a finalist for the 2025 Raytheon Leaders in Education Award by Tucson Values Teachers.

This recognition honors PreK–12 teachers across Pima County who demonstrate exceptional commitment to educating youth, show leadership within their communities, and foster collaboration among peers. Renee was selected as one of just eight finalists from across Southern Arizona, for her remarkable contributions to student learning and to the broader education community.

Renee’s leadership in our band program has inspired hundreds of students to pursue excellence in music and beyond. Under her direction, Catalina Foothills High School ensembles have earned regional and state accolades while providing students with life-changing opportunities to perform, compete, and grow as musicians and leaders. Her work is defined not only by high standards of artistry, but also by her ability to create an inclusive, supportive environment where every student feels a sense of belonging.

The Raytheon Leaders in Education Award will be presented at Stand Up 4 Teachers on November 6, 2025, at the Tucson Convention Center. Four awardees will be selected from the finalists to each receive \$2,500, along with an additional \$2,500 in matching funds for their districts. All finalists will be honored at the ceremony.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Information Item