



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

DATE OF MEETING: **January 23, 2018**

TITLE: **Recognition of District as Beacon Group Visionary Award Recipient**

BACKGROUND:

Amphitheater Public Schools is proud of our focus on individual needs and the belief that everyone has unique strengths, talents, and needs. Our district mission is to empower all students to become contributing members of society equipped with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world. This mission extends beyond students, however, as it also applies to our workforce.

The district has faced a challenge with high turnover rates at entry-level jobs, especially in departments such as food service. For people with disabilities, finding steady, reliable employment is often a hurdle to overcome as there are a number of barriers that they may face. We found a way to meet the needs of both the district and these individuals through a partnership with the Beacon Group. We have been able to hire a number of employees over the years and provide an opportunity for them to build a sense of independence and self-sufficiency.

Last month, the Beacon Group presented Amphitheater Public Schools with the “Visionary Award” in recognition and appreciation for an enduring commitment to providing meaningful employment to workers with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations

Date: January 22, 2018

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent