



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

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**DATE OF MEETING: January 8, 2013**

**TITLE: Recognition of Harelson Achievement in Science**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA), a department of ACT, Inc., looked at student test results for the past three years to create this year's higher performing school list. Schools qualify for NCEA's list in a given subject by meeting one of two metrics: the Advanced Measure and the Growth Measure.

The Advance Measure compares schools on the percentage of students at or about the achievement level closest to NCEA's College and Career Readiness Targets after adjusting for school poverty rates based on the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced lunch. The top five percent of schools are considered for NCEA's list.

The Growth Measure evaluates schools whose students perform better than predicted for a school with similar demographics and prior achievement using statistical analyses. The top 10 percent of schools are considered for NCEA's list, within each low-income group.

Harelson qualified under both measures. We are proud to honor them for this achievement.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the Governing Board recognize the 4th grade staff at Harelson and the principal, Andy Heinemann for this achievement.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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**Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent**

**Date: January 8, 2013**

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**Patrick Nelson, Superintendent**

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