



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **October 4, 2016**

**TITLE:**    **Recognition of Dr. John O'Hanlon**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Dr. John O'Hanlon has tutored and supported a group of Karenni refugee students since they arrived in our district approximately 8 years ago. These families arrived without knowing anything about America or how to speak English.

He initially started working with these students and families when they attended Walker Elementary School and he has continued to support them through advanced coursework (AP Physics) at the high school level at Amphitheater High School. He also advocates for them periodically when they need assistance with scheduling or other concerns, and he and his wife try to attend as many sports and award recognitions as they can to show their support for these students outside of school. Several of the students he tutored have been SARSEF science fair winners.

For several years, Dr. O'Hanlon was a fixture on Amphi High's campus as he tutored these students every day after school in the library. Today he continues to provide support off-campus for 14 Karenni students (6th grade - PCC) with a few other volunteers as several of the students begin coursework at Pima Community College.

Dr. O'Hanlon is a wonderful volunteer who has provided guidance and support for many refugee families as they learn about American culture and the public school system. He truly demonstrates the values of Amphitheater Public Schools and is the Pride of Amphi.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**INITIATED BY:**

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Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations

Date: September 26, 2016

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Patrick Nelson, Superintendent