



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:** April 14, 2026

**TITLE:** Recognition of the ITEEA STEM Schools of Excellence

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Innovation Academy and Keeling Elementary School** were named STEM Schools of Excellence by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA), a professional organization that recognizes outstanding schools across the country for their “commitment to providing a robust Integrative STEM education program.”

ITEEA created the STEM School of Excellence designation to honor schools whose teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders are providing a meaningful STEM education experience for students. Schools undergo a rigorous application process requiring detailed documentation to demonstrate a strong Integrative STEM program. A panel of reviewers then determines whether the documented evidence represents excellence in Integrative STEM education.

This is the fifth year Innovation Academy has been recognized as a STEM School of Excellence and the third year for Keeling Elementary School to be recognized.

**Lindsay Linde**, Kindergarten teacher at Innovation Academy, was selected for the Goodheart-Willcox Teacher Excellence Award. This is one of the highest honors given to technology and engineering education classroom teachers. Ms. Linde was nominated for her outstanding integration of STEM concepts, specifically Technology and Engineering into the Kindergarten Classroom through the use of inquiry based integrated thematic units of study.

Both schools and Ms. Linde were recognized at the ITEEA Annual Conference March 25-28, 2026.

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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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**Jen Anderson,**  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board

**Date:** April 1, 2026

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**Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent**