



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**      **May 30, 2023**

**TITLE:**      **Approval of Arizona Department of Education CTE Innovation Program Grant**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The CTE Innovation Program grant is intended to foster innovation through the identification and promotion of promising and proven career and technical education programs, practices, and strategies, which may include programs, practices, and strategies that prepare individuals for nontraditional fields. It is also intended to promote the development, implementation, and adoption of programs of study or career pathways aligned with state-identified high-skills, high-wage, or in-demand occupations or industries.

Our district has made a commitment to our students via strong college and career readiness preparation pathways, which includes our Career and Technical Education programs. In addition, our district has also made a strong commitment to growing our teacher pedagogy via varied learning opportunities that work to support beginning teachers. This often includes teachers new to education via a non-traditional pathway. These educators need additional support to ensure understanding of and compliance with the expectations of teaching in a CTE program.

The Arizona Department of Education has reviewed and approved Amphitheater's Career and Technical Education program submittal for the CTE Innovation Program Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the 2023-2024 school year. This grant will provide funding for induction and mentoring support for teachers new to the Career and Technical Education program and to provide opportunities to provide meaningful professional development opportunities to our existing teachers to strengthen the programs and ensure compliance of all ADE requirements. Teachers will be paid for attending rigorous learning opportunities throughout the school year that fall outside of contracted hours and the funds will be used to pay the professional developers creating these rigorous learning opportunities. The intent is to value the time commitment of our educators while still encouraging them to stay current on best instructional practices and program compliance.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board approve this grant.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education

Date: May 30, 2023

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Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent