



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

DATE OF MEETING: March 10, 2026

TITLE: Recognition of the 2026 School Social Work Association of Arizona Social Worker of the Year

BACKGROUND:

The School Social Work Association of Arizona (SSWAAZ) is Arizona's Professional Association for School Social Workers. Founded in 1991, the organization was formed to foster communication and cooperation among school social workers throughout the State. SSWAAZ works to promote the profession of school social work in Arizona through professional development, collaboration and advocacy. The Association aims to engage all educational stakeholders in carrying out its mission, with the ultimate objective of improving outcomes for all Arizona students.

The SSWAAZ has named Prince Elementary Social Worker, **Yemen Bernal**, as their Social Worker of the Year. Yemen was recognized at the organization's annual conference on February 19, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

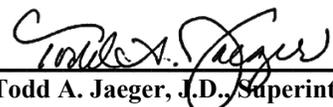
This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:



Jen Anderson,
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Date: February 25, 2026



Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent