



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

DATE OF MEETING: **March 8, 2016**

TITLE: **Recognition of Shoes to Smiles**

BACKGROUND:

Shoes to Smiles has partnered with Amphitheater Public Schools since 2007 to provide new shoes and socks for students most in need at several elementary schools, including: Donaldson, Holaway, Keeling, Nash, Prince, Rillito Center, Walker, and Wilson K-8.

As part of the program, students are identified by the school nurse or advocate to participate in a special shopping event with Sears at the Tucson Mall. Students meet with Shoes to Smiles volunteers in the shoe department and leave with two brand new pairs of shoes, a multi-pack of new socks, and smiles all around!

Since Trindy LeForge founded the organization, she has successfully raised more than \$20,000 in donations which have supported more than 400 students within our district.

As noted by one school advocate after a school shopping event, “When these students returned to school on Monday, they were all wearing their new shoes. The pleasure they must have felt was apparent on their faces. Each student wearing a big smile – it was hard to miss the noticeable sparkle in his or her eyes.”

Shoes to Smiles is a valuable community partner. Special thanks to Trindy LeForge for volunteering her time and efforts to bring smiles to so many Amphitheater students.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations

Date: February 29, 2016

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent
