



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

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**DATE OF MEETING: December 6, 2011**

**TITLE: Recognition of Rio Vista, Harelson, and Holaway**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Arizona Business and Education Coalition (ABEC) recently launched a new school recognition program that identifies schools that are successful in raising expectations and preparing students for college and career readiness. The process used to identify these schools involves the use of AIMS aggregate scores for each subject and grade level and then these scores are correlated with target benchmarks for college and career readiness based on national ACT scores. The correlation is backward mapped to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Using this data, each school is measured on both growth of student achievement and the absolute level of achievement of students. We have three schools who were recognized at the November 29<sup>th</sup> ABEC meeting: Rio Vista, Harelson, and Holaway. We are very proud of these schools for this accomplishment.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** This item is presented for the Governing Board's information and recognition.

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**INITIATED BY:**

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**Patrick Nelson, Associate Superintendent**

**Date: November 21, 2011**

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**Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent**