



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

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 2023

TITLE: Recognition of STEM School of Excellence and Teacher Excellence Award Winners

BACKGROUND:

Innovation Academy was named a STEM School 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.”

Innovation Academy is one of just 16 schools in the nation to win the excellence award and will be highlighted and recognized at ITEEA’s 85th International Conference in Minneapolis, MN in April.

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.

Trish Patchin was selected for the Goodheart-Willcox Teacher Excellence Award. This is one of the highest honors given to technology and engineering education classroom teachers. She will receive this award at the ITEEA’s conference in April.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Tassi Call, Associate Superintendent for Elementary Education K-5

Date: March 20, 2023

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent