



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**        **October 13, 2020**

**TITLE:**            **Recognition of 2020 District Legendary Teacher Award Recipient**

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**BACKGROUND:**

On September 24, 2020, we celebrated Legendary Teacher Day, a day set aside to recognize and honor special teachers who make a difference in the lives of students. Exceptional teachers across our District were nominated for this award, and we are pleased to share that the 2020 District Legendary Teacher Award Recipient is Mr. Adam Upmann, a math teacher at Coronado K-8 School. Here is a passage from Mr. Upmann's nomination:

*"There is one teacher in particular that has really made an impact in my life. My legendary teacher is my math teacher from sixth and eighth grade, Mr. Adam Upmann.*

*"I chose him because the day I walked into his class, I felt hope. And I still do. He was the one to kindle the fire of my love of math. At that point in my life I felt like I wasn't really capable of learning or growing in the academic field. But he is the one who showed me how much I can really do. He is kind to everyone and believes in everyone. He is so involved in all of the kids learning and wants to see them succeed. He is an interactive teacher and knows what each kid needs. Mr. Upmann believed in me when I didn't believe in myself, he challenged me to challenge myself, and he found creative ways to make even the dullest of topics fun."*

*When I was in sixth grade, I'm not sure I really knew what I wanted. After the first day in his class, I already knew that things were going to be different. As he explained the concepts, things were starting to become more clear. His belief in his students caused me to believe that I could learn these things and that, just maybe, I could be good at them. As the time went on I got better and stronger and I actually learned something. By the end of that year, I felt confident. I had gotten so comfortable in his class. His belief in me has led me to skip a grade in math. I never in a million years thought that I would be where I am now. I later had him as a math teacher in eighth grade for Algebra 1. That year I also decided to take a Math Counts class from him. This class challenged us to use what I knew about math in new and applied situations. This was something that was so fun and challenged my mind. At first I didn't really challenge myself because I thought I didn't really know what I was doing. But by the end of the year, I was challenging myself and that was because he believed in me. I felt comfortable in his classroom and knew that it was ok to fail at something.*

*"Mr Upmann is my legendary teacher. He really allowed me to grow and succeed. He made an impact in my life that changed the whole course of my learning. I am where I am academically because of that initial belief that he had in me."*

We are so proud and pleased to have Mr. Upmann in the Amphi Family.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

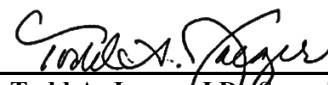
This is presented for the Board's information and recognition.

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**INITIATED BY:**

  
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Date: September 30, 2020

  
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