



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

DATE OF MEETING: February 7, 2012

TITLE: Recognition of Arizona Master Teacher

BACKGROUND:

The Arizona Master Teacher Program (formerly the Governor's Master Teacher/Mentor Program) has been in existence for several years. The Arizona Master Teacher Program places experienced, accomplished teachers into leadership roles in schools as mentors for their peers. Teachers with at least five years of experience, strong evaluations, and who have demonstrated student achievement and growth can apply through the Arizona K-12 Center portfolio process to become Master Teachers.

The goal of the Arizona Master Teacher Program is to build capacity for teacher leadership and provide sustainability and support for the teaching profession. This is accomplished by cultivating exemplary instruction, quality professional development, and dedicated mentoring and coaching in participating districts. There are currently 23 districts in Arizona with Master Teachers with Amphi having approximately 15 such teachers.

Corinne Blum, 8th grade reading teacher at La Cima Middle School, is our most recent Arizona Master Teacher.

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

INITIATED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Nelson".

Patrick Nelson, Associate Superintendent

Date: January 31, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Balentine".

Vicki Balentine, Ph.D., Superintendent