



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

DATE OF MEETING: MAY 6, 2014

TITLE: Resolution Recognizing the Special Contributions of Teachers and Other Professional Personnel

BACKGROUND:

At its April 8, 2014 meeting, the Governing Board issued a Resolution recognizing the valuable contributions made by Educational Support Personnel. In doing so, the Board noted that the contributions of teachers are also formally recognized once a year on a national basis.

National Teacher Appreciation Week has been designated as such by the National PTA in cooperation with the NEA. Observance of such recognition has been celebrated by schools across the country in one form or another, since 1944. This year, National PTA "Teacher Appreciation Week" will be May 5-9, 2014, with "National Teacher Day" being observed on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. The National Association of School Nurses has also set apart Wednesday, May 7, 2014 as "National School Nurse Day."

Congress has only twice declared a National Teacher's Day – in 1953, at the behest of Eleanor Roosevelt and in 1980, after much lobbying by the NEA. Both Congressional declarations were for those years only. While the contributions of teachers, nurses and other professional school employees should be celebrated every day, focusing that celebration on these specific dates can serve to remind us how much these personnel do for our students. A resolution has been prepared to recognize the contributions of teachers and school nurses and to call for federal recognition. This form of resolution also recognizes the many professional employees who may not fit into the traditional notion of "teacher" but who are also deserving of recognition for the instructional and related services they provide to students as well.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board's adoption and dissemination of the attached form of resolution.

INITIATED BY:

Mindy Blake

Mindy Blake, Director of Community Relations

Date: April 24, 2014

Patrick Nelson

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent