

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

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent

**DATE OF MEETING: November 12, 2013** TITLE: Recognition of the Canyon del Oro High School Early Childhood Center Program **BACKGROUND:** Research shows that children with access to high-quality early learning programs are better prepared for kindergarten, do better in school, and are more likely to graduate from high school and go on to college. We are very excited that our Early Childhood Center at Canyon del Oro High School has earned a 5 Star rating under the Quality First Program through the First Things First state initiative. It is one of only five pre-school programs in the state that has achieved this highest quality rating. The assessment involved a very thorough multi-year process that covered everything from the classroom and playground environment, to instructional strategies and children's portfolios. It is our pleasure tonight to recognize the CDO Early Childhood Center for its accomplishments in getting young students ready for school. **RECOMMENDATION:** This is presented for the Board's information and recognition. **INITIATED BY:** Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent Date: November 4, 2013 triels nelson