



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

DATE OF MEETING: **October 5, 2021**

TITLE: **Recognition of 2021 District Legendary Teacher Award Recipient**

BACKGROUND:

On September 23, 2021, we celebrated Legendary Teacher Day, a day set aside to honor special teachers who make a difference in students' lives. Exceptional teachers in our District were nominated for this award, and we are pleased to share that the 2021 District Legendary Teacher Award Recipient for the Amphitheater School District is Ms. Leslie Christian, who teaches seventh-grade English Language Arts at Wilson K-8 School. The student who nominated Ms. Christian for this distinguished award is Madeline Robinson, who is now a student at Ironwood Ridge High School. Here is what she said about Ms. Christian:

"Mrs. Christian was one of the best teachers I had for many reasons. We all thoroughly enjoyed her class: Seventh grade, fourth hour English. I remember her smile when we greeted each other when I'd walk into class. Mrs. Christian wanted to help us be organized and independent. For example, on Mondays she would have us write down our homework for the week, and when we walked into class every day, get the day's materials. She wanted us to be prepared for things and do what we needed to do to perform our best in class.

"Mrs. Christian also wanted to do the things that we were interested in; if we were reading a book as a class, she would ask how we wanted the activities to work to make sure that the topic was still interesting for us. She had us do projects that were fun and educational; we got to be creative while still doing things that were connected to what we were learning.

"Mrs. Christian taught us real-world situations and problems. We learned about global warming, climate change and what single-use plastics are doing to the environment. She explained how that affected us, and how we could prevent their impact. Not only does she care about her students, but she cares about their futures, our futures, and all the generations to come. She understood that we were not only children, but students, people, with growing, learning minds and treated us as such. Mrs. Christian understood what each of us was capable of in and outside of school, and she believed in every one of us.

"She knew what we could do and handle and what we could not. She would change her plans to what was best for us and what would help us learn the most in the short time we had with her. If something was too much for us, or it wasn't working out, she would find another way. Mrs. Christian's class made me enjoy English and it made me excited to attend school. It was a wonderful experience that I didn't know I would have that year. I am incredibly thankful that it happened."

We are so proud and pleased to have Ms. Christian in the Amphi Family.

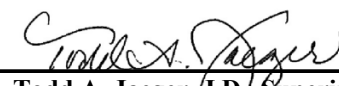
RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:


Michelle Valenzuela, Communications Director

Date: September 29, 2021


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent