



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

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**DATE OF MEETING: December 10, 2013**

**TITLE: Recognition of Rodel Semi-Finalist and Finalist**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Rodel Exemplary Teacher Initiative honors extraordinary teachers and asks that they each mentor high-potential student teachers.

What sets the program apart from typical student teaching programs is that mentor teachers are selected based on their outstanding student achievement in high-need schools, their ability to mentor new teachers, and recommendations from their principals and Rodel's observation team. This ensures that student teachers are learning from the best.

In addition, Rodel provides further training and support to both mentors and student teachers to assure Promising Student Teacher Graduates start their careers as outstanding educators.

We have two Amphi teachers to honor tonight:

**Finalist: Donna Varma from Rio Vista Elementary School**

**Semi-Finalist: Sean Taylor from Rio Vista Elementary School**

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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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Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent

Date: December 4, 2013

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Patrick Nelson, Superintendent