



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

DATE OF MEETING: September 14, 2021

TITLE: Recognition of 2021 Air Force Association's State STEM Teacher of the Year

BACKGROUND:

The Air Force Association's State STEM Teacher of the Year award honors exemplary K-12 educators who make a profound difference in the lives of their students and in their community, especially in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math education. This year's recipient is Innovation Academy kindergarten teacher Paula Sotelo.

Ms. Sotelo was recognized for her ability to integrate STEM concepts into the kindergarten curriculum. Students in Mrs. Sotelo's class learn math, reading and writing while simultaneously learning about germs, plant life cycles, the engineering design process and the scientific inquiry process. In August, students were introduced to the engineering design process through nursery rhymes. One example: Exploring how all the Kings Horses and all the Kings Men could put Humpty Dumpty back together again.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Michelle Valenzuela, Communications Director

Date: September 8, 2021

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent