



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

TITLE: Recognition of the Amphi Foundation for Contributions to the Amphitheater Public School District

BACKGROUND:

For 35 years, the Amphi Foundation has enriched the quality of education in Amphitheater Public Schools students by funding districtwide programs, school programs, a clothing bank, teacher grants, classroom grants, and student scholarships.

The Amphi Foundation mobilizes the community and its stakeholders by raising significant funds to support educational opportunities for students and by providing grant opportunities for teachers and staff who seek to implement innovative ways to engage students. Through their work, the Amphi Foundation promotes excellence in education, lifelong learning, and responsible citizenship for Amphitheater students.

In the past five years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1.1 million to Amphi students, teachers, and schools through school and classroom grants, technology purchases, athletic fee waivers, literacy programs and more.

The Foundation's mission is to promote academic excellence through the expansion of resources to enrich the education, development and well-being of the students of the Amphitheater Public School District. Their programs are grounded in three focus areas:

- **Student Preparedness:** Clothing, shoes, hygiene and school supplies, food boxes—the basics, so students can learn.
- **Innovative Learning Opportunities for Students and Educator Support:** Classroom technology, grants & professional development for educators, investments in school Makerspaces and a new science initiative.
- **Opportunities for Students to become College, Career and Community Ready:** Scholarships, AP exam & Athletic Fee Waivers and a new program, Life Beyond the Books.

The Foundation does all of this work under the leadership of Executive Director **Leah Noreng** and a volunteer Board of Directors:

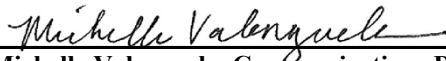
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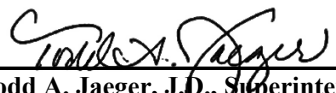
RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:


Michelle Valenzuela, Communications Director

Date: November 3, 2021


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent