

GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: March 5, 2024

TITLE: Recognition of STEM Schools of Excellence

BACKGROUND:

Innovation Academy and Keeling Elementary School were named STEM Schools of Excellence by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA), a professional organization that recognizes outstanding schools across the country for their "commitment to providing a robust Integrative STEM education program."

ITEEA created the STEM School of Excellence designation to honor schools whose teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders are providing a meaningful STEM education experience for students. Schools undergo a rigorous application process requiring detailed documentation to demonstrate a strong Integrative STEM program. A panel of reviewers then determines whether the documented evidence represents excellence in Integrative STEM education.

This is the third year Innovation Academy has been recognized as a STEM School of Excellence and the first year for Keeling Elementary School to be recognized.

Brianna Mounts was selected for the Goodheart-Willcox Teacher Excellence Award. This is one of the highest honors given to technology and engineering education classroom teachers.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Jen Anderson, Date: February 27, 2024

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Governing Board

Fodd A. Jagger **J. D**., Superintendent