



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

DATE OF MEETING: June 9, 2015

**TITLE: Recognition of “Reading Seed Kinder” at Keeling Elementary School for the
2015-2016 School Year**

BACKGROUND:

The Reading Seed Kinder program for Keeling Elementary School will be in place for the 2015-2016 school year. Literacy Connects will provide over 50 volunteer tutors, new books for children, literacy nights for parents each quarter, and a staff member from Literacy Connects who will work at Keeling on tutoring days.

Literacy Connects proposed the new program to potential funders. Since then, donations have poured in to Literacy Connects for the project at Keeling. Specifically, \$15,000 from United Way, \$15,000 from a private anonymous donor, funding from Pima Federal Credit Union and funds from a philanthropic group, Altrusa. So far, the contributions are in excess of \$35,000 which does not include the cost of volunteer training and the value of volunteer hours. The overall value of this partnership is at least \$50,000. Literacy Connects is currently recruiting volunteers and making plans to train them prior to the beginning of school in August.

Next year Keeling Kindergarten students will have an extra person in their corner who will help them with one of the most important outcomes of their first year in school; the love of literature, the love of reading, and the desire to learn.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board formally recognize the partnership of Literacy Connects/Reading Seed Kinder for Keeling Elementary School for the 2015-2016 school year.

INITIATED BY:

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Date: June 1, 2015

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