

GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: December 11, 2018

TITLE: Recognition of 2018 District Legendary Teacher Award Recipient

BACKGROUND:

On September 27, 2018, we celebrated Legendary Teacher Day, a day set aside to recognize and honor special teachers who have made a significant difference in the lives of students. For the third year, we partnered with Pima Federal Credit Union to present the Amphitheater Legendary Teacher Award, and for the first year, the Pima County Superintendent's Office has joined the Legendary Teacher project.

Dozens of exceptional teachers across our District were nominated by students, peers, parents, and community members. Nominators were asked to describe how the teacher being nominated had made a positive impact in their lives.

The District Legendary Teacher Award recipient for 2018 is Ms. Debbie Van Sice, Social Sciences teacher at Amphitheater High School.

Here is a passage from Ms. Van Sice's nomination:

"Debbie has remained committed to Amphi throughout the decades, bringing her passion for social science education to the hundreds upon hundreds of Amphi students lucky enough to enter her classroom. She is an institution of Amphi; she is the bedrock of our school. I was lucky to work under Debbie while she was Social Studies Department Chair. Her professionalism among fellow educators is only rivaled by her steadfast commitment to her students."

Ms. Van Sice has worked at Amphitheater High School for 34 years. This Legendary Teacher will receive \$250 from Pima Federal for use in the classroom.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

INITIATED BY:

Michelle Valenzuela, Communications Director

Fodd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

Date: November 20, 2018