



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

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**DATE OF MEETING:**        **January 12, 2016**

**TITLE:**    **Recognition of Beacon Group Leadership Award Recipient**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Tonight we recognize Ms. Julie Daniel of Amphitheater High School for receiving the “Community Leadership Award” from the Beacon Group last month for her exceptional leadership and commitment to people with disabilities.

For 60 years, the Beacon Group has been providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities through a number of different lines of business. They provide training, coaching and support to help those with disabilities develop their skills and gain access to jobs. Their clients also receive education and socialization necessary to lead meaningful, productive lives.

After a class visit to tour the Beacon facility, Ms. Daniel had the idea to start an “internship” program to help her students get real world work training experience at Beacon as part of their transition plan. Since then, she has been working with Beacon to expand the training to more off campus work sites to increase work training options. This has opened the program to the population with the highest needs: students who do not qualify for any support services, are able to hold competitive employment jobs, but do not have the skills or support to access competitive employment. As a result, Beacon has been able to provide high-quality training for these students that they will be able to put on resumes to seek more competitive employment opportunities.

Tonight we recognize Ms. Daniel for receiving the Beacon Group “Community Leadership Award” and her dedication to ensure her students with special needs have a successful future.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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**INITIATED BY:**

**Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations**

**Date: January 4, 2016**

**Patrick Nelson, Superintendent**