



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

DATE OF MEETING: November 18, 2025

TITLE: *Approval of Cum Laude Honors and Recognition System for Graduating Seniors*

BACKGROUND:

On June 10, 2025, the Governing Board was provided information related to alternative recognition systems for graduating seniors. The presentation included a recommendation to transition from the traditional Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors system, which recognizes the academic accomplishments of only two (2) students from a graduating cohort comprised of several hundred, to a *Cum Laude* system, which includes the *cum laude*, *magna cum laude*, and *summa cum laude* honors, resulting in the recognition of the academic accomplishments of a broader number of students.

As noted in the June 10, 2025 presentation, the transition to the *Cum Laude* system would not replace any traditional honors and recognitions systems each high school has created. The *Cum Laude* honors system would compliment the diverse recognition opportunities each site has established while ensuring a common, equitable honors systems for graduating seniors.

At the June 10, 2025, meeting, the Governing Board approved the elimination of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian roles, beginning with the Class of 2028, current Sophomores, but wished to further study the transition to the *Cum Laude* system.

RECOMMENDATION:

This Board item is presented to the Board with a recommendation to approve the *Cum Laude* honors system.

INITIATED BY:

Matthew Munger
Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education

Date: November 14, 2025

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent