



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

DATE OF MEETING: May 5, 2015

TITLE: Recognition of Walker Elementary School as the Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Foundation’s 2015 Top STEM Elementary School, and Bu Meh for Winning 1st Place in the Plant Sciences Category at the Arizona Science & Engineering Fair

BACKGROUND:

The Southern Arizona Research, Science, and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF) named **Lulu Walker Elementary School** the 2015 Top STEM Elementary School. STEM is science, technology, engineering and math. The designation is well-deserved. Walker teachers and students are committed to exploring all aspects of STEM fields, and their enthusiasm shined at the 2015 SARSEF Fair in Tucson.

Walker students submitted 20 projects to the Fair, and won many awards. We are proud of their accomplishments and the school’s distinction of being named **2015 Top STEM Elementary School**.

Bu Meh followed the scientific method for her project, “Freezing Cold, Cacti!” She explored how cacti react to freezing temperatures. She won an Arizona Sonora Desert Museum Scholarship, the Patricia C. Abbey Memorial Award, Saguaro National Park prizes, and the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society 1st Place Award at the SARSEF Fair. She went on to win 1st Place in the Plant Sciences Category at the Arizona Science & Engineering Fair.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is presented to the Board for information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:

Mindy Blake

Mindy Blake, Director of Community Relations

Date: April 27, 2015

Patrick Nelson

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent