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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

PRESENTED BY: Denise Bartlett, Superintendent

I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD student and staff achievements:

CFHS, ECMS, and OGMS Choir

On the evening of Saturday, September 28, approximately 100 choir students from Catalina Foothills High School, Esperero Canyon Middle School, and Orange Grove Middle School were honored to perform the National Anthem at the Arizona Diamondbacks game to an audience of 41,192 fans.

This remarkable achievement was made possible by the efforts of our choir directors, Jeffrey Evans, Julia Higgins, and Rachel Antista, who helped guide and prepare the students for this special opportunity at Chase Field. We are incredibly proud of our students for their hard work and professionalism as they represented CFSD with excellence.

CFHS AP School Honor Roll and AP Access Award

Catalina Foothills High School has earned a place on the College Board's Advanced Placement School Honor Roll for the 2023-24 school year! The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools that have done outstanding work to welcome more students into AP courses and support them on the path to college success.

Our high school is being further recognized with the AP Access Award, which honors schools that encourage more low-income and underrepresented minority

students to take AP courses. The percentage of students in at least one of these categories who took at least one AP Exam before graduation is proportional to or above our school's student population, demonstrating our commitment to equitable access to advanced coursework.

Research shows students who take AP courses and exams are more likely to attend college and graduate on time. And even for those who don't earn college credit, advanced coursework provides early exposure to college-level work and contributes to a college-going school culture.

We know it takes a considerable schoolwide effort—dedication from teachers, counselors, administrators, students, and parents—to make AP access a priority. Please join us in celebrating this accomplishment!

CFHS Falcon Marching Band

The Catalina Foothills High School Falcon Marching Band delivered an outstanding performance at the 2024 Arizona Regional Championship held at the J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff, AZ, on October 5, 2024.

Our talented musicians earned second place overall in the highly competitive finals, with an impressive score of 79.450. In addition, they received two prestigious awards in the Class AAA category:

- Outstanding Music Performance
- Outstanding General Effect

These accomplishments reflect our students' and band directors' hard work, dedication, and artistry. We are incredibly proud of the recognition they have earned. Congratulations to Ms. Renee Shane-Boyd, Mr. Ian Marcusiu, Dr. Tina Walton, our dedicated band parent volunteers, and our outstanding student musicians.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Information Item