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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.5

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2017

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD students and board achievements:

Manzanita Elementary School

Manzanita had two teams compete in the elementary Math League competition on December 9 that included over 200 students from Southern Arizona. The fifth grade team won first place and advances to the state finals. Fifth grade team members are Griffin Helfand (1st place), Simon Rubin-Toles (4th place), Presley Landis (7th place), and Keona Kuo. Fourth grade team members are Tom Benson (top 10 and state qualifier), Johnny Yu (top 10 and state qualifier), Zach Chasin, and Abby Stadheim.

Catalina Foothills High School

Senior Meena Venkataramanan is one of two Arizona students selected as a delegate to the 55th annual United States Senate Youth Program that will be held March 4-11 in Washington, D.C. Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas noted that Meena "will represent Arizona proudly as part of this esteemed program. This is a life-changing opportunity for these students to meet with our nation's leaders, experience the American political process and reinforce a commitment to public service."

The CFHS Speech & Debate Team defended its title at the Winter Trophy Tournament in Phoenix in early December. Once again it earned the first place team sweepstakes award for the highest number of points across all teams competing, as well as the annual Pat Connell Award going to the team with the highest number of points earned for individual entries in Lincoln Douglas Debate, Congressional Debate, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Individual winners include: Congressional Debate - Josh Cohen (1st place), Meena Venkataramanan (3rd place), and Ricardo Sosa (6th place); Novice Lincoln Douglas - Elle Muller (2nd place); Varsity Lincoln Douglas - Meena Venkataramanan (3rd place); Novice Public Forum - Clay Storie and Memi Maruflu (1st place); Poetry - Meena Venkataramanan (1st place); Prose - Meena Venkataramanan (2nd place in Poetry); Impromptu Speaking - Carter Eckel (4th place); and Expository Speaking - Sarah Cho (4th place), Deven Carmichael (5th place).

CFSD Governing Board

The entire CFSD Governing Board was recognized with the Total Boardsmanship Award at the annual Arizona School Boards conference on December 14. The award is granted to a governing board when at least a quorum of members has attained the professional development level of a Certificate of Boardsmanship.

Recommended Motion: Information Item