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News from Amphi

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Amphi to Open New K-5 Elementary School in Oro Valley

School to Specialize in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)

Tucson, AZ - At the Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, February 9, the Amphitheater Governing Board unanimously voted to move forward with construction of a new K-5 elementary school specializing in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The school, located near Moore Rd. and La Cañada Dr., is slated to open for the 2017-18 school year. It will be an "open enrollment" school with no specific boundaries.

The new STEM school will be uniquely designed to weave the sciences into all aspects of learning and engage students in "hands on" and "minds on" relevant curriculum and instruction that will utilize technology and the arts to enrich and encourage learning. The school will have collaborative project spaces, state-of-the-art media center, music, art and PE facilities, and performance and presentation spaces that enhance the learning experience.

The District has had plans to build a new elementary school on the site since 1987 and already owns the land. The funds to build the new school were approved by voters in a bond election in 2007. As the District continued to experience increased legislative cuts to the budget, the decision was made by the Governing Board last spring to delay construction for one-year to allow for further review and evaluation of the project.

"We take tremendous pride in being an innovative school district and preparing our students for successful futures," said Superintendent Patrick Nelson. "This new school truly embodies our core values and will allow us to expand our tradition of excellence."

Amphitheater Public Schools will host a community meeting to provide information as the project progresses. Meeting details will be shared once confirmed.

About Amphitheater Public Schools

Named for the five chains of mountains that surround the city of Tucson like a "beautiful natural amphitheater," Amphitheater Public Schools has a long history of excellence dating back to 1893. Today, the District consists of 20 campuses and nearly 14,000 students. Amphitheater Public Schools offer a demanding and rigorous curriculum. Our educators focus on ensuring students develop the skills necessary for success in higher education as well as in today's workplace, including creativity and innovation, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. Learn more at www.amphi.com or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/AmphitheaterPublicSchools) or Twitter at @AmphiSchools.