

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- I. Public Education Commission Meeting Date: May 13, 2016**
- II. Item Title: Recognition of the 2015 New Mexico Milken Educator of the Year**
- III. Proposed Motions:**
- IV. Executive Summary:**

Colin DeGroot, a Science and Engineering Teacher at a state chartered charter school, The ASK Academy, Rio Rancho, NM, has been selected as New Mexico's 2015 Milken Educator.

Mr. DeGroot was surprised on February 24 with a school assembly in the new constructed ASK Academy. Governor Susana Martinez announced his name to the surprise and spontaneous applause of everyone in attendance. Secretary Hanna Skandera, the Mayor of Rio Rancho, founders of the ASK Academy, other dignitaries, and scholars (as students are called the Academy) congratulated Mr. De Groot on being selected in this elite group of educators in the state and nation. As part of his award, Mr. De Groot received a check for \$25,000 that he could use for whatever he wished. He was also selected to attend a Milken Educators Awards Forum in conjunction with the 2016 National TAP Conference in New Orleans in March and will represent Milken and New Mexico at the National Charter Schools conference in Nashville in June.

Attached you will find a resume for Mr. DeGroot highlighting some of his many accomplishments.

At this time I would like to ask Dan Busse, General Manager for the ASK Academy, to say a few words and introduce Mr. DeGroot.

Mr. DeGroot will be presented with a gift from the Milken Foundation and then he will be asked to say a few words.

Commissioners will have time to comment.

