



PAPAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Resident:

I am writing this letter today to thank you for entrusting the education of your child and our neighborhood children to Papago School. We are guided by this relationship and know well the serious role education plays in the future of a child. Papago School values continuous improvement, and we appreciate the support of our community.

The Arizona Department of Education recently released school letter grades for the **2018-19** school year, and our school was listed as receiving a "D." We scored 57.82 percentage points, and needed 60.11 percentage points to earn a "C." It is important to emphasize that this letter grade is for the school year 2018-19, not for the most current school year (2019-20). Preliminary results for 2019-20 indicate growth in both reading and math for this year.

The AZ Dept. of Education provided preliminary letter grades to our school in the Fall of 2019, and we used that data as a guide to develop the Integrated Action Plan for 2019-20. This past spring, we developed a plan for school improvement based on the following six principles: 1) Effective Leadership, 2) Effective Teachers & Instruction, 3) Effective Organization of Time, 4) Effective Curriculum, 5) Culture, Climate and Conditions and 6) Family Engagement.

Our process for drafting this plan included facilitation of a comprehensive needs assessment, a root cause analysis, and development of needs statements and desired outcomes. From this information we have developed goals, strategies, and action steps for our school's Integrated Action Plan. Finally, we established metrics and processes for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of these strategies during the 2019-20 school year. During the 2019-20 school year, we will continue to host parent focus groups and parent connection meetings to gather input from our parents and community and communicate the progress of our goals. As part of this process, we will review AZMerit achievement, survey results, and other student achievement data to determine priority and root causes for our overall needs and to refine our plan for the school year.

On Thursday February 13, 2020 at pm, we will convene an open meeting in our library with school staff, parents/guardians and other stakeholders where we will present the school improvement plan that supports the process described above.

Thank you again for your support of Papago school. We are proud of our students and families, and proud to be such an important part of this community. We look forward to working with you and reporting the successes from our plan. If you have any questions or comments, I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at the school.





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Sincerely,

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