



**Parent Notification Letter
School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter – Year 2**

September 2, 2010

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In January 2002, the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) was signed into law to improve educational opportunities for all children attending a Title I school. This federally funded program provides assistance to schools serving students who are at risk for academic failure. This legislation supports the school district's efforts to provide a strong standards-based educational program for students along with accountability for student achievement.

Academy with Community Partners operates a Title I program. NCLB requires that all Title I schools make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in all indicators for two consecutive years. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP are required to be notified of the school's AYP status. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP have the option of Public School Choice with free transportation to a school not identified for improvement.

The table below details the AYP determination for our school.

AYP Determination		Yes or No
Met 95% Percent Tested in Math?		Yes
Met 95% Percent Tested in Reading?		Yes
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Math?		Yes
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Reading?		Yes
Met 90% K-8 Attendance Rate?		N/A
Met 71 % High School Graduation Rate or Increased 1% from Previous Year?		No

As a result of the above, our school is currently identified to be in **Year 1 of Title I School Improvement**.

The following chart provides a comparison of our school to other elementary or secondary schools in the district and in the State as required by NCLB.

Grade	My School	My District	My School	My District	Arizona Schools
	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading
10	24	24	38	38	70
				74.6	

Due to our school's Title I School Improvement designation, your child may be eligible to attend a school that is NOT identified for Title I School Improvement. However, Academy with Community Partners is a stand alone school and there are no other schools affiliated with ACP for students to transfer to within the district. Academy with Community Partners offers Supplemental Educational Services to eligible students within the school.

Parents choosing to transfer their child have the following choice of schools: other charter schools in the area or traditional public schools in the Mesa School District. Attached is a list of information about these schools and how they compare to other schools in the district.

Please contact Margaret Williamson at 480-833-0068, should you need assistance in selecting a school.

We have been working with the district and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for our school. In order to address the indicators of not making AYP, the district and ADE are assisting our school in:

- Providing support in developing/ revising an Arizona Improvement Plan; ongoing professional development and leadership mentoring program. Teachers are taking the initiative to excel with continually improving instruction throughout the school community.

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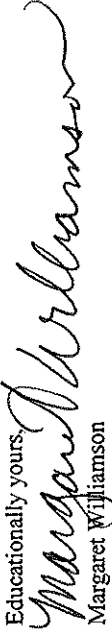
- School environment is structured and teachers utilize multiple teaching styles; visual aids, hands on activities in small group learning classroom settings with differentiated instruction to meet students needs to achieve AYP
- AIMS tutoring for specific students needs are implemented throughout the school community.

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan.

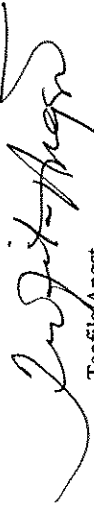
Please contact Margaret Williamson at 480-833-0068, if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school.

As a reminder, our Title I annual meeting will be held on November 24, 2010, at 10:00a.m., 433 North Hall, Mesa, AZ 85203, in building one, room 101. Our instructional staff will be available to answer questions.

Educationally yours,



Margaret Williamson
Superintendent/ President



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Enclosures

School Comparisons for Public School Choice
Parent Request for Transfer/Tutoring