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Dear AmeriSchool Families,

A new school year has started and we're very pleased you have chosen AmeriSchools to educate your child(ren). AmeriSchools is entering its 14th year, as a charter school, and welcomes you.

Over the summer much has taken place at our campuses. Some things you will notice are the painting of the insides of our buildings, the purchase of new classroom furniture, the increased presence of technology related equipment in the classrooms, the growing of grass in our playgrounds and welcoming a group of outstanding new staff members.

Aside from our facility enhancements, our student academic achievement levels have also shown to be quite significant. Our elementary schools are "Performing Plus" (and very close to the next level) and our high school is entering its' 5th year as an "Excelling" school, named the Arizona Charter School of the Year (2008) and awarded the US News and World Report Bronze Medal School. This is quite an achievement for AmeriSchools and the main focus of why we are here. AmeriSchools is here to provide an opportunity for children to have success and have fun while doing it!

AmeriSchools is a part of the greatest reform in education that this country has ever seen. In 1994, during a special session of the Arizona legislature, an education reform bill was adopted that dramatically changed the public education landscape in Arizona. The resulting reform package included the most expansive charter school legislation in the nation, enabling the first Arizona charter schools to begin teaching students in the 1995-96 school year. That first year, 46 charter schools opened and provided an educational choice for 7,000 students. Today, the Arizona Charter School Association is pleased to announce that for the 2009-10 school year we have over 500 charter schools educating more than 100,000 students! Nationally, there are now over 1.4 million students attending over 4600 public charter schools in 40 states and the District of Columbia and growing. Both President Obama and Bill Gates (Microsoft) are urging states to create more schools modeled on the best charter schools. AmeriSchools is one of those schools!

In closing, I welcome you to the new school year and wish you and your child(ren) the very best.

With warm regards,

Gary LeBlanc, Superintendent