

# STANFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Stanfield Elementary Families,

This week, the State of Arizona released a letter grade for each Arizona public school based on the new A-F Accountability system. These grades will be available to the public on Monday, October 9. Letter grades are calculated by the Arizona Department of Education based on the AzMERIT (Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching) and other data from the 2016-2017 school year.

Although we just received our letter grade, Stanfield Elementary staff analyzed data during the summer and at the start of this school year, identifying our school community's strengths and areas of needed growth. Based on this analysis, strategic goals have been developed in the areas of:

- Targeted intervention and support for students that are not mastering new content that is mandatory
- Professional development for staff on differentiated instruction in an effort to ensure all students are learning the required grade level content
- Ensuring the needs of the whole child are met by providing supports for health and wellness and social and emotional needs

While the current A-F letter grade system is focused almost entirely on academic proficiency, a single label does not tell the full story about the success and health of any school. In Stanfield, we also value other measures that make a school great:

- Safe schools with quality teachers
- Recognition and awards earned from other organizations
- Quality athletic programs
- Extra-curricular opportunities
- Community service
- Student social emotional wellness

We are committed to the success of our students at SES. Other indicators that you can use to determine how effectively our school is meeting your child's needs include your child's academic growth, his or her social and emotional development, and overall experience at school.

As our partner, we highly value your input and invite you to join us at our next parent night for a conversation about how we can continue to work together as a community to improve our school. Dr. Lineberry will be sending out that meeting information later this month. Thank you for giving us the valuable opportunity to teach and care for your child.

Educationally Yours,

Dr. Melissa Sadorf, Superintendent