



Desert View Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Community of Desert View:

This letter is to provide you information about our school during the 2017-18 school year.

In October, 2017, we were notified that we were one point from a C letter grade and therefore received a D as our letter grade. Since this is the first year of letter grades with AZMerit as our accountability assessment, the Arizona Department of Education has been reviewing the results and the state formulas, but while some schools changed letter grades in May, 2018, Desert View did not. As per state guidelines, you are receiving this letter as notification of the Desert View status.

After hearing the possibility of our letter grade in October, we want you to know that we initiated strong and focused 90-Day School Improvement plans as a WESD and Desert View collaborative team to support our Desert View students and staff. These action plans focused upon consistent assessment of student growth and achievement gaps, and the inclusion of focused interventions in both reading and math to increase student growth and close the achievement gaps. Additional professional development has been provided for our staff to address these areas throughout this school year. It is our hope that our increased efforts and targeted focus to support our students and staff will show the necessary improvements from our April, 2018 AZMerit results.

Thank you for all you support that you provide to assist us in making a difference for our Desert View students. If you have any questions, please contact me at 602-347-4000.

Maria Farmer, Proud Principal

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