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"Dedicated to Excellence"

Camille Casteel, Ed.D., Superintendent

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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to report that on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Arizona Department of Education announced **Chandler Unified School District has earned an "A" grade.** Chandler Unified is one of 23 districts to earn the top grade and one of only 11 districts to earn the grade in both of the years of the state's Arizona LEARNS letter grade accountability program.

We have always believed that the performance of our high schools is a capstone of our combined efforts beginning in elementary school and continuing to junior high and high school. So we are pleased to report that **all four comprehensive high schools, Basha, Chandler, Hamilton and Perry have earned an "A" grade**. To see grades for all of our schools, please visit <u>www.chandler.k12.az.us/ArizonaLearns</u>.

The Chandler Unified School District embraces accountability as a means to improve student performance and we strive to perform at levels greater than state and national standards. Our parents and community have supported our schools and CUSD. We hope you see the value of your investment, through our staff and student performances.

Our ultimate goal is that the Chandler School District is recognized as a **premier district**, **not just in the state of Arizona, but also nationally, as well**. Thus, we have designed a series of metrics to assess our progress as we strive to achieve these goals. We invite you to take a look at our strategic plan, "Journey 2020," and our progress on each measure at www.chandler.k12.az.us.

There is still so much more we can accomplish and, with proper resources, we can continue our quest to be one of the top school districts in the nation. If you have any questions about our school district, please contact us at the district office at 812-7600. It is a privilege to serve the community of Chandler.

Warm regards,

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