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To Our Community:

Thank you for your interest in Valencia Middle School. We are excited about the programs and opportunities found at our school and welcome opportunities to share these with you!

Valencia Middle School has many practices and processes that support the achievement of our students. For example, our school has Professional Learning Communities, which are regularly scheduled times when teachers meet, review data, and plan for ways to better address the needs of each student. We recognize the great value of an education that provides both enrichment and reteach opportunities. Our teachers meet weekly for professional development that supports instruction. The newly adopted curriculum is based upon the state standards. Our curriculum provides multicultural experiences, prepares students for diverse workplaces, and accommodates the many learning styles of our students.

Please know that you are a valued part of our school community. We invite you to visit our site, attend our family events, school programs, extra-curricular activities, and join our volunteer opportunities.

To ensure a systemic plan for success, we have written a detailed action plan that is shared at our annual Title I meeting and at other school events. The implementation of our school plan is visible through the multiple educational opportunities, family engagement events, celebrations, and student supports that you will find at Valencia Middle School. Further information on our school and district improvement information and processes, ongoing plans for success, and celebrations are discussed in the weekly Superintendent pod-casts located on our TUSD website (http://www.tusd1.org/Information/Superintendent).

Our state assigns accountability labels (A to F) to our schools based upon success rates on the AZMERIT state assessment for students, who have attended our school for a full academic year. The State has a statute, ARS 15-241, that requires schools to notify their community of the assigned label. Our school staff works closely with the district and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to ensure that our school continues to provide extended learning and enrichment opportunities, family engagement events, and staff professional development to support academic achievement for all of our students. In 2018-19, our school received a state accountability label of D. The Arizona Department of Education website provides additional information on the A-F accountability system.

You are invited to learn more about our school improvement efforts. Information on our most recent accountability label, opportunities for students, and improvement efforts will be presented sometime between mid-December and the end of February. We are excited to share our most recent accomplishments and plans with you. Notification of upcoming meetings and events may be found on the school website or via newsletters or through our parent-link communication system.

You are always welcome at our school. We hope to see you at our events, as a volunteer, and or serving on our site council.
Please contact me with any further questions. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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