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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Arizona State Board of Education (SBE) has announced the 2016-2017 public school letter grades based on the new A-F Accountability System.

The State Board of Education developed the new system to comply with state and federal requirements, with the intent to measure the quality of a school across a broader range of measures. The measures on which the new grades were calculated were based on multiple indicators, including: student proficiency, student growth, and readiness indicators for K-8 schools; for grades 9-12 the indicators also included graduation rate and college and career readiness measures (CCRI Index).

Tanque Verde USD Schools A-F Letter Grade Results

- Tanque Verde High School received an “A” grade.
- Agua Caliente Elementary School received a “B” grade.
- Tanque Verde Elementary School received a “C” grade.
- Emily Gray Jr. High School received a “C” grade.

The high school’s notable “A” grade is attributable to the work of our students and faculty to achieve an excellent graduation rate, as well as the wide range of programs offered which support college and career readiness. While we celebrate the high school’s “A” grade, we recognize there is work to do overall as a district.

The new A-F Accountability System has a much stronger focus on student growth, especially in grades K-8. While our students continue to score at a high level of academic proficiency on the AzMERIT assessment, we need to take specific steps to increase student academic growth.

TVUSD District AzMERIT results - Comparison to state averages:

- English Language Arts (ELA) passing rate = 18 points above the state average (100 point scale)
- Math passing rate = 15 points above the state average (100 point scale)

Detailed explanations of the SBE A-F System and FAQ’s are posted on the district website under Superintendent News at: www.tanqueverdeschools.org.

We have already identified areas for improvement and changes, including:

- Implementing concrete action steps to further improve academic growth for all students;
- Working to aggressively retain and support highly qualified teachers;
- Integrating community input to meet the level of excellence TVUSD has established.

Actions to improve academic growth will include choosing and implementing rigorous new curriculum, providing targeted intervention, and increasing access to advanced coursework.

We will continue to take the steps necessary to ensure excellence in the educational quality of our Tanque Verde schools. Our ongoing commitment is to provide a strong, nurturing community of support for each and every student in our district.

We thank you for your continued partnership in the education of your children.

All my best,

Dr. Scott Hagerman, Superintendent
