



# Paulden Community School

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## Parent Notification Letter

September 4, 2014

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Based on Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) scores and other academic achievement and growth indicators, Paulden Community School has received a state accountability grade of C and a federal accountability designation of Focus.

### **State Accountability**

The A-F Letter Grade is designed to hold schools accountable in a fair and systematic fashion. Each school is equally evaluated both on AIMS performance and how much students grow academically from one year to the next. Other factors such as AIMS improvement, dropout rate, graduation rate and English language learner proficiency rates are taken into consideration, when applicable.

### **Federal Accountability**

A *Focus School* designation under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is based on student performance data of our lowest quartile student in the area of math.

Being named a Focus School allows our school to receive more resources and support to improve student achievement.

### **School Improvement Plan**

We have been working with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for Paulden Community School In order to address the indicators that led to our Focus status:

Improvement Goals:

- Individualized math program for all students in grades 1-8 using Accelerated Math & Study Island.
- Highly Qualified Math Endorsed Teachers for grades 3-8
- Professional development sessions for all teachers on The Common Core Math Standards
- Provide full-day kindergarten multisensory reading instruction.
- Teachers in grades K-8 will integrate the use of technology to provide multisensory language arts instruction.
- Align ELA Common Core Standards with daily multisensory systematic reading objectives
- B-weekly progress monitor Target I-A reading and math instruction.
- Provide small group push in instructional support that provides multisensory reading strategies for student most academically at risk.
- Grades 4-8 and grades K-3 will teach math at the same time each day in order to allow students the ability move into differentiated math groups.
- All math instruction in grades K-3 and 4-8 will align with The Common Core Standards

We encourage all parents/ guardians to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Mr. Jared Byrd at 928-830-6880 if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school.

Educationally yours,

James B. Sexton  
Executive Director