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Dear Parents:

On Monday I wrote an email describing the progress being made on the building issues at Pathway. I will be writing at least every other business day updating you on our present position.

On Monday I led with:

“The land issues, water and sewer concerns and permits have finally all been resolved and we are on our way. The dirt pile has been removed in preparation to receive the temporary buildings we need to bring in to accommodate our decision to keep full day kindergarten and move forward. We are up to 609 students with a waiting list! In order to prepare for this influx, the temporary additional modular spaces need to be up and running.

After considering all of our options the superintendent and I have made the following decision: We will be delaying opening for one week. This means school will open on Monday, August 16, 2010. This time will be made up at the end of the school year. The additional modular spaces are purchased and will be arriving soon. We are confident that we will be ready on August 16th.

If this change causes your family any child care issues we want to help. Please notify Rachael Lay, at the school as we are planning to provide limited child care for the week of August 9, 2010 for those who need this service.”

Since that note went out we have had surveying and construction crews here and the water lines are being installed as I write this note. This is big news, as here in Arizona, the water issues were one of the prime factors in the delays on this property. There is a lot of activity on our campus at this point with more to come this week.

Your staff has been in staff development activities since Monday the 26th and will continue these through Friday of next week (week of August 1, 2010). I continue to be impressed with the professionalism of our staff. The staff development work we have done has helped us to evaluate where we need to improve and where we are our strongest. Please know that all of your compliments and “concerns” from last year are being looked at and considered as we fine tune our programs and processes.

We have several staff members who are now presenters in the district spreading the wisdom and success of our social curriculum and educational program to other schools in the Sequoia Family.



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We were a highly performing school last year as measured by the Arizona State Department of Education's AIMS testing. While this is an honor for any school let alone for a first year school, we are evaluating where we can improve our program even more. We intend to earn that ACADEMY piece of our name.

I also want you to know that Mr. Bogle has been working with Arizona State and the Mesa School District to bring "Priming the Pipeline" to our school next year. This is a program that I was involved with at ASU's Charter School in Gilbert that promotes mathematics, engineering and science careers among our students. This addition, along with our efforts to design a full advisory system for our older students, should provide the program with the foundations needed to ensure that students graduate in an excellent position for college or career training.

Thanks for all of your support and please let me know if you need more information. As noted earlier, I will continue to write on a regular basis to inform you about our progress.

Sincerely,

Curt Cardine
Assistant Superintendent of Sequoia Schools