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To Our Community:

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

Cavett Elementary School has many practices and processes that support the achievement of our students. We are dedicated to supporting our students to achieve their full potential in an academically rich learning environment. To build stronger instructional practices, we have weekly Professional Learning Communities. These are regularly scheduled times when teachers meet, review data, and plan for ways to further address the needs of each student. We recognize the great value of an education that provides both enrichment and reteach opportunities. Additionally, our teachers meet weekly for professional development that supports instruction. The adopted curriculum taught in our classrooms is based upon the state standards and 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 to join our volunteer opportunities.

To ensure a systemic plan for success, we have written a detailed action plan that is shared with the Arizona Department of Education and shared with our community at our annual Title I meeting and 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 our 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>).

The state of Arizona assigns accountability labels (A to F) yearly to 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 2017-18, our school received a state accountability label of D. The Arizona Department of Education website provides additional information on the A-F accountability system. Information on state grades and accountability regarding schools in TUSD is found in the superintendent weekly podcasts on September 19 and October 3. (<http://www.tusd1.org/Information/Superintendent>).

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

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!