

Parent Notification Template
Arizona Learns Underperforming Year 1 and 2

School Name

Date

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In November 2000, Arizona voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 301, creating an accountability system for academic performance known as Arizona LEARNS. Under this system, the Arizona Department of Education must annually determine an achievement profile for each school, based on student academic performance on the AIMS test from last spring. The achievement profiles are categorized by Excelling, Highly Performing, Performing Plus, Performing, Underperforming, and Failing to Meet Academic Standards.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that **<Name of School>** has been designated as Underperforming by the Arizona Department of Education based on our school's **AZ LEARNS** achievement profile for the 2008-2009 school year.

As a result of this designation, our school will be developing an *Arizona School Improvement Plan* to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Education. This plan will become our road map to greater student achievement. We will be examining four areas to help determine our strengths and limitations. The four areas we will analyze are:

- Educational Leadership
- Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development
- Classroom and School Assessments
- School Culture, Climate, and Communication.

The impact on our students will be a positive one. We encourage you, as our parents and legal guardians, to take an active role in the improvement process. This is an excellent opportunity to create and improve our partnership for school improvement. Please contact me at **<telephone number>** to discuss how you can be involved in our improvement efforts.

Sincerely,

<Name>

School Principal