



November 14, 2016

Dear Laveen Neighbor,

Thank you for your continued support of Laveen schools. We are very grateful that voters in our community overwhelmingly approved the continuation of the budget override, which enables our schools to provide full-day kindergarten, expanded music, art, and P. E. classes to all grade levels, and competitive salaries and benefits to teachers and school employees. The positive election result supports our mission to develop in our children the knowledge, skills, and character to achieve academic excellence, personal growth, and success in a safe, positive environment.

Laveen believes that offering courses above the core subject areas of math, reading, writing, science, and social studies results in a well-rounded child. We believe that full-day kindergarten creates a solid education foundation early on, resulting in higher achievement throughout a child's educational career. And, we believe that we can hire and retain the most talented staff from across the nation to serve our small, yet highly diverse, community by offering competitive salary and benefit packages. With 68% of Laveen voters approving this measure, you have voiced your agreement loud and clear.

Great communities have great schools, and schools can only be successful with the support of their communities. Your continued support confirms the investment we are making in our children, their future, and our community. When schools are supported by their community, not only are property values strengthened, but neighborhoods are more stable, there is a greater sense of community, families choose to make it their home, and businesses experience greater success. The community thrives and remains a desirable place to live and raise a family. We recognize the important role that our schools play in the quality of life in Laveen and will continue to strive to ensure a high quality school system and the success of every child.

Sincerely,

Williams M. Johnson, Ed.D.
Superintendent