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Ana C. Samaniego, Superintendent

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Dear Sarah Marley Families:

As we share the latest Arizona school letter grades, I want to take a moment to communicate directly with you regarding Sarah Marley Elementary School's D rating.

We recognize that this rating is not the outcome we want for our students, our families, or our school community. We take these results seriously and understand that they reflect areas where we must strengthen our efforts to improve student achievement.

However, I want to be very clear about one thing: A letter grade does not define our students, their potential, or the dedication and hard work happening every day at Sarah Marley. Our students are capable of great things, and they deserve every opportunity to succeed.

As a district, we accept our responsibility to address the areas of need and provide the leadership, resources, and instructional support necessary to move Sarah Marley forward. We will work closely with school leadership and teachers to strengthen classroom instruction, use student achievement data to guide our decisions, identify learning gaps, and ensure that every student receives the support needed to grow academically.

This work will require intentional action, collaboration, and a shared commitment among our educators, families, and district leadership. We also recognize that our families are essential partners in this journey. Your voice, involvement, encouragement, and partnership matter.

We are not discouraged by this rating, but we are determined to respond with urgency and purpose. Our focus will remain on what matters most: ensuring that every child receives a high-quality education and has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children and for continuing to be partners in their education. Sarah Marley is an important part of our DUSD family, and we remain committed to its students, staff, and future. There will be a meeting in December to address all parents about our steps to improve student outcomes. We will share more information through the school.

We do need your support in sending your children to school each and every day. Missing two days of school matters! Being tardy matters! Leaving school early matters! Learning can only happen when children are present! Let's work together to make learning a priority for your children.

With appreciation and commitment,

Ana C. Samaniego
Superintendent

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