



September 28, 2016

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In 2014, the Arizona Department of Education, under federal requirements, placed Sequoia Pathway Academy in the School Improvement process as a result of low graduation rates during the 2011-2012 school year. While modifications to the school improvement efforts have been made, the suspension of letter grades and updated graduation rate calculations over the last few years has dictated that we remain in school improvement until spring 2016.

Based on the 2014 data our state label is: C

Our school's federal label is: Targeted – due to low graduation rate during the 2011-2012 school year.

### **School Improvement Plan**

We have been working with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to revise the Continuous Improvement Plan for Sequoia Pathway Academy. In order to address the indicators that led to our Targeted status, Edkey and ADE are assisting this school in:

- *Providing support in developing/revising an Arizona School Improvement Plan (i.e., leadership mentoring, high-quality ongoing professional development, facilities, adopting research-based interventions, logistics, and instructional time);*
- *Coordinating resources (i.e., instructional and non-instructional staff, state and federal funding).*
- *Providing professional development for staff and administration.*
- *Increased focus and training on data.*
- *Ensuring effective programming is in place to promote Education Career Action Plans to ensure students graduate within their identified cohort.*

We encourage all parents/ guardians to become involved by participating in the development of the School Improvement Plan. Please contact Nate Lamma or Diane Silvia, principal, at 520.568.2112 if have any additional questions.

Educationally yours,  
**Nate Lamma and Diane Silvia**  
School Principals