

April 26, 2016

Good Afternoon Canyon Springs Families,

It is with tremendous pride and joy that I share Canyon Springs STEM Academy is a 2016-2019

application with input from students, staff, and parents. Once the application was completed and their own schools and represent the Arizona Educational Foundation.

Education (ADE) since the ADE has been giving letter grades (2011). This letter grade is based on student test scores on the AIMS (2011-14) and AzMERIT (2015-present). As parents and educators, we all know and fully understand that our children are more than their test scores, as is our school!

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The Arizona Educational Foundation read our application, observed, and awarded us not only for our test scores over the years, but more importantly our whole story which included:

- x History
- x Leadership
- x School Improvement processes and data
- x Values
- x Climate & Nurturing Environment
- x Curriculum, Instruction, & Best Practices
- x Student growth for all student populations utilizing various measurements
- x Special & Unique Programs
- x Teacher training, professional development
- x Resources available to teachers, parents, and students
- x Opportunities available to students outside of the school day
- x Parent/Community Involvement and partnerships

overall excellence and for all the hard work and collaborative effort it took to ear this award. Based on your outstanding application and a very memorable and impressive site visit to your campus, your school has truly earned the Arizona Excellence selection committee members enjoyed reading your application and visiting your school. It is an honor and privilege to recognize, celebrate and focus on your school's success. Thank you for your commitment to excellence. Dr. James P. Weir, Director, Arizona Educational Foundation

We will be celebrating with the Arizona Educational Foundation at a school-wide assembly on Friday, May 6 at 8:30am. Our Canyon Springs STEM Academy Families are more than welcome to celebrate with us!

Sincerely,

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