

March 27, 2017

Families of Phoenix Elementary School District:

Phoenix Elementary School District is committed to providing each child we serve with a high-quality education. We have set high academic expectations to ensure our students are prepared to be successful in the next grade, as well as in high school, college and career.

Our 3rd through 8th grade students will soon complete the AzMERIT assessment - *Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching*. AzMERIT tests students on Arizona academic standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The AzMERIT testing window for Arizona schools is March 27 – May 4, 2017. Students in our school district will complete the computer-based format of the test this year. For the past several weeks, our students have prepared for this test by practicing their computer skills and completing AzMERIT sample tests to help them become familiar with the on-line format of the test.

Each school has developed their own assessment calendar for third through eighth grade students. Since AzMERIT is computer-based and the assessment window extends six weeks, most schools decided to complete most of the assessment in April.

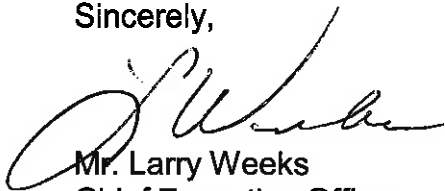
The Arizona Department of Education has advised Arizona schools that results for AzMERIT will be available toward the end of May. Your child's school will ensure that you will receive the Family Score Report for your children as soon as possible.

During the summer months, your principal and teachers will use the results of AzMERIT to plan for the next school year.

If you have questions about the administration of AzMERIT at your school, please contact the principal and/or your child's teacher.

Remember ... the new school year begins on Wednesday, August 2, 2017!

Sincerely,



Mr. Larry Weeks  
Chief Executive Officer