



# Brunson-Lee School

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## Parent Notification Letter

September 8, 2014

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Based on Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) scores and other academic achievement and growth indicators, Brunson-Lee Elementary School has received a state accountability grade of C and/or a federal accountability designation of Focus.

### *State Accountability*

The A-F Letter Grade is designed to hold schools accountable in a fair and systematic fashion. Each school is equally evaluated both on AIMS performance and how much students grow academically from one year to the next. Other factors such as AIMS improvement, dropout rate, graduation rate and English language learner proficiency rates are taken into consideration, when applicable.

"D" schools demonstrate a below average level of performance. For example, "D" schools earn fewer points than a school that has 50 percent of students passing AIMS and has typically lower academic growth than most schools.

"F" schools are those that receive a "D" letter grade for three consecutive years. The Arizona Department of Education monitors the school for three years following the "F" letter grade and requires that "F" schools participate in a school improvement program.

### *Federal Accountability*

A *Priority School* designation under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is based on student performance data that placed our school among the five percent of lowest performing schools in the state.

A *Focus School* designation under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is based on student performance data that placed our school among the ten percent of schools making the largest contribution to the state's achievement gap.

Being named a Priority, Focus, "D" or "F" School allows our school to receive more resources and support to improve student achievement.

### *School Choice*

Brunson-Lee Elementary School and Balsz School District are committed to ensuring that all children achieve proficiency, but, because Brunson-Lee Elementary School currently receives federal Title I funds, you have the option to transfer your student to another school in our district that is not identified as either Focus or Priority.

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If you so choose, Balsz School District will provide your student bus transportation from Brunson-Lee Elementary School to the following choice of schools:

Balsz Elementary School  
Crockett Elementary School  
Griffith Elementary School

Attached is a list of information about these schools and how they compare to other schools in the district. Please complete the attached form by October 1, 2014 to let us know which school you would like your child to attend. Please contact Ms. Rhonda Chavez at (602) 629-6430 should you need assistance in selecting a school.

Please note that families who previously used Public School Choice Transportation but are no longer eligible for transportation because their home school is not identified as Priority or Focus may choose to remain at the Choice school, however, no transportation will be provided by the district.

## *School Improvement Plan*

Before you decide to transfer your student, please consider the following efforts that we are making to improve the academic success of our students:

- Targeted after school tutoring
- Daily reading intervention services
- Academic Parent Teacher Teams

Balsz School District also provides the following in support of improved student achievement:

- Provide rigorous teacher professional development
- Provide education support staff to work with students
- Provide instructional materials and classroom technology that strengthen learning opportunities for student success

We encourage all parents/ guardians to get involved in our efforts to address our academic challenges. Parents/guardians can become involved by participating in the development of the Continuous Improvement Plan. Please contact Rhonda Chavez at (602) 629-6430 if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school improvement efforts. As a reminder, our Title I annual meeting will be held on contact Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 8:00 A.M at Brunson-Lee Elementary School.

Educationally yours,

Rhonda Chavez  
Director of Education Services

Enclosures:  
School Comparisons for Public School Choice  
Parent Request form for Transfer to another school

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### School Comparisons for Public School Choice

Grade	Brunson Lee	Balsz	Griffith	Crockett	Balsz District	Arizona Schools	Brunson Lee	Balsz	Griffith	Crockett	Balsz District	Arizona Schools
	% Passed Math based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Math based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Math based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Math based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Math based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Math based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Reading based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Reading based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Reading based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Reading based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Reading based on 2014 AIMS	% Passed Reading based on 2014 AIMS
<b>3</b>	57	48	60	58	55	69	54	61	69	62	62	78
<b>4</b>	62	35	64	41	49	61	72	45	68	51	57	75
<b>5</b>	46	48	53	33	45	62	63	59	67	51	60	80
<b>6</b>	61	65	50	36	53	61	70	76	75	63	72	80



## Parent Request for Transfer

Please complete the following form and indicate your request below:

- Transfer School: Balsz Elementary School
- Transfer School: David Crockett Elementary School
- Transfer School: Griffith Elementary School

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**Current School: Brunson Lee Elementary School**

**Students Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the following form by October 8, 2014 to:

**Balsz School District Office**

**Attn: Rhonda Chavez, Director of Educational Services**

**4825 East Roosevelt Street**

**Phoenix, AZ 85008**