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NEWS and INFORMATION

Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board Votes on School Closure and Boundary Change

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (December 3, 2008) -- At last night's Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) Governing Board meeting, the Board voted 4-1 in favor of consolidating Zuni and Aztec elementary schools. This means that the students at both of these elementary schools will attend Zuni Elementary next year. The students at Cheyenne Traditional School will be moved to the Aztec site.

These changes will take place in August 2009 for the 2009-10 school year.

SUSD Administration has worked diligently for more than a year to solve the problem of schools that are under capacity. There have been multiple public forums held to talk with the public and to listen to suggestions. In addition, former Superintendent Dr. John M. Baracy handed this task to his Blue Ribbon Committee and his Learning Leadership Team.

Some of the changes that will take place are:

- **Savings:** The District will save operating funds including roughly \$650,000 in personnel savings and about \$120,000 in utility savings.
- **Boundaries:** This changes the Zuni boundary, merging it with the Aztec boundary to create a larger Zuni boundary.
- **Special Education:**
 - **Aztec**
 - Two "Pre-school Assessment Needs in Developmental Areas" (PANDA) classes will remain at the site.
 - One "Academic Learning Center" (ALC) class will move to Laguna Elementary School.
 - Two "Students Using Comprehensive Coping Educational and Social Skills" (SUCCESS) classes will move to the Desert Canyon campus.
 - **Zuni**
 - One PANDA class will remain at the site.
 - One PANDA class will move to Laguna Elementary School or Copper Ridge School. This will be determined by which school is closest to the home school for the projected 2009-10 students).
 - One "Academic Behavior and/or Communication" (ABC) class will move to Sequoya Elementary School.
 - Two Self-Contained Autism classes will move to Copper Ridge School.

To see the full presentation from last night's meeting, visit www.susd.org/district/govboard/meetings.cfm. The video of the meeting will also be available on the SUSD Web site later this week.

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