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*** NEWS FROM AMPHI ***

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Amphi Students Head Back-to-School on Aug. 10

District Celebrates New Superintendent, Opening of New School – Innovation Academy

TUCSON, Ariz. - An estimated 14,200 students and 800 teachers will return to Amphitheater Public Schools on Thursday, August 10. Below are a few items of interest for the 2017-18 school year:

Welcome, Superintendent Todd Jaeger!

[Todd Jaeger recently returned to the district as Superintendent.](#) He has a strong connection to the Amphitheater community, having previously worked for the district for more than 20 years (he served as the Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel) as well as being a longtime Amphi parent. He is looking forward to sharing his vision for the first 100 days and leading the development of a strategic plan for the district. A series of “Listen & Learn” events will be scheduled soon to gather input on key issues and priorities. ***Please contact Amy Sharpe to schedule an interview with Mr. Jaeger.***

Welcome to the Amphi Family, Innovation Academy!

Thursday marks the grand opening of [Innovation Academy](#) (825 W. Desert Fairways Dr.), the district’s first new school to be built since Ironwood Ridge opened in 2001. The K-5 elementary school is unique in that it incorporates elements of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) into all aspects of learning, as well as the building design itself. The school offers a well-rounded, comprehensive education experience including music, art, social studies, and physical education. Nearly 350 students from across the Tucson area have open enrollment for the 2017-18 school year. Open Enrollment applications for the 2018-19 school year and beyond will be accepted starting Tuesday, Sept. 5. ***Media is welcome to attend opening day at Innovation Academy or other Amphitheater schools. Please contact Amy Sharpe for more information.***

SAVE THE DATE! Innovation Academy Community Open House: Saturday, Aug. 19

Curious about Innovation Academy? A Community Open House will be held on **Saturday, Aug. 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** The event will kick off with brief welcome remarks from district leaders as well as Oro Valley Mayor Satish Hiremath, followed by self-paced tours of the campus. The school is located at 825 W. Desert Fairways Dr. in Oro Valley. ***Media is welcome to attend.***

Operation School Bus: Aug. 30 – Sept. 1

The district has partnered with the Pima County Sheriff’s Department (Aug. 30 – Sept. 1) for “Operation School Bus” to raise awareness of the traffic laws near school zones and school buses. Throughout the week, deputies will be riding on or traveling near school buses or posted at various school sites to watch for school zone and other traffic violations, such as drivers not wearing seatbelts or texting and driving. ***Ride-along opportunities for media are available.***

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