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Dr. Kristofer Sippel, Principal
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Dear Dr. Sippel:

Recently San Tan Charter School hosted an AdvancED Readiness Review. The primary purpose was to determine the capacity of the school to pursue accreditation. We are pleased to announce that based on the results of the review, San Tan Charter School is a candidate for AdvancED Performance Accreditation. I have attached the Readiness Report to this e-mail.

As a candidate, the school prepares to host an Engagement Review for the purpose of seeking AdvancED Performance Accreditation. The review needs to be scheduled within two years of receipt of this e-mail.

Purpose of the Engagement Review: The overarching purpose of the Engagement Review is to provide the school with powerful insights and feedback to enhance the school's improvement efforts. In addition, the review team:

- Evaluates the school's adherence to the AdvancED Performance Standards for Schools
- Assesses the efficacy and impact of the school's improvement process
- Reviews Stakeholder perception data
- Reviews Student Performance data
- Identifies Powerful Practices deserving of commendations and provides Improvement Priorities

Preparing for the Review: To prepare for the Engagement Review, the school community engages in an in-depth Improvement Journey reviewing the School Quality Factors and using the Readiness Diagnostic for Schools. The report includes rubrics and focus questions for each area. They provide an excellent framework to guide the school's Improvement Journey and serves as the basis of the Engagement Review team's work. All reports required for the Engagement Review must be done on-line.

Scheduling the Review & Securing a Team: Our managing office will work with you in scheduling a two day Engagement Review. Once we confirm the date we will assign a Lead Evaluator. Then team members appropriate in number and expertise will be assigned. Our aim is to ensure the highest quality review experience for your school.

We congratulate the professional staff and community at San Tan Charter School on their candidacy for accreditation. As you continue your improvement efforts, we encourage you to use AdvancED as resources. Take advantage of the expertise of our managing office staff, utilize area Field Consultants, consult with your Lead Evaluator, and connect with peer schools. Use our website, handbooks, e-communications, and attend trainings provided by our office. Let us be your partner in improving school and student performance.

Thank you for your continued commitment to quality education for all children through the AdvancED Performance Accreditation process.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Connie Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Connie Harris
AdvancED Arizona Director