## Our Schools are on the Move!

This past week the Arizona Department of Education released its annual school performance results and the outcome looks great for the Wickenburg Unified School District (WUSD). All WUSD schools have earned a Performing Plus label or higher and Festival Foothills Elementary was the first school in the history of the district to be named "Excelling" (this is the highest level a school can achieve). Thanks to Festival Foothills for making us all look good!

Wickenburg High School achieved the greatest movement shifting two levels from the Performing level to Highly Performing. Vulture Peak moved from Performing to Performing Plus and Hassayampa retained its Performing Plus label which it has held for more than three years. Wickenburg Academy for Achievement maintained its Performing label, which is as high as an alternative school can go in the Department of Education's system.

I must say that I am tremendously proud of the staff at all our school sites. Their dedication and commitment to implementing the components of our CAILL Framework for the improvement of student learning is laying the ground work for tremendous student success in WUSD. I can't wait to see how student achievement increases in the years to come.

I also want to thank the Wickenburg community and all residents of the district for your ongoing support and encouragement as we continue toward becoming an excelling school district. It makes a tremendous difference when the staff and students know that you are behind them and are encouraged by their success.

As school gets underway on August 11, we will look forward to another successful year in the Wickenburg Unified School District. We will work hard to do great things for our students and look forward to developing strong partnerships with our parents and the community.