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LESD #25 Builds on Successes Following November Election

The Liberty vision continues to soar with news regarding school letter grades, the Governing Board election, and changes and growth.

BUCKEYE, Ariz. – The Liberty Elementary School District is buzzing following the release of school letter grades from the Arizona Department of Education, the current unofficial election results from earlier this week, and the reorganization of various district office departments.

Liberty was notified of the Arizona Department of Education school letter grades for 2023-2024 which were released last week. Five LESD schools were recognized with a one letter grade improvement from the year before, due to their academic growth. Each of the seven schools received at least a 'B' grade, those receiving a 'B' were: Las Brisas Academy, Rainbow Valley, Freedom, and Blue Horizons. Three LESD schools were recognized with an A letter grade, those were: Liberty, Estrella Mountain, and Westar. The letter grade system for accountability is determined by ADE and measures year-to-year student academic growth, proficiency in English language arts, math & science, and the proficiency and academic growth of English language learners. Notwithstanding this celebration and recognition, the Liberty Elementary Governing Board and leadership remain steadfast and laser-focused on raising math and ELA proficiency for all students, across all schools.

In addition, the Liberty Governing Board had four seats up for grabs in this last election, with two of them going to the incumbents (as of the writing of this press release), board member Bryan Cirrincione and Vice President Kris Kenyon. New to the board are Kellie Zimmerman and Sara Schmidt.

Following Tuesday's election, it appears that Board member Bryan Cirrincione and Vice President Kris Kenyon were re-elected to their seats for four-year terms; expiring in 2028. Sara Schmidt and Kellie Zimmerman, the newly elected board members, will officially be sworn in at a ceremony in downtown Phoenix sometime before the end of the year. They will officially meet for the first time as a board on January 13, 2025 at the Board Organizational Meeting. [Click here](#) for a full list of the unofficial election results. Election results may still fluctuate and change.

"Liberty is at an exciting crossroads now of change and growth," said LESD Superintendent Dr. Cort Monroe. "I am personally grateful to the many people who have been a part of this organization and what they have done, in putting into place many foundational pieces and the many successes of the past, to bring us to where we are today."

Along with the new additions to the school board, the District Office continues to experience changes. As part of the continued restructuring and repurposing, the District has made and is making changes to many of the departments, focused on bettering our efforts to serve Liberty students.

“The time is upon us to forge ahead under the banner of a new Strategic Plan”, added Dr. Monroe. “Change is hard, constant, takes time, can be uncertain in the short-term, and can cause a lot of angst and growing pains. However, there is an excitement and a renewed energy on the other side of change. Our Mission is to provide an environment that guarantees all students learn at a high level, and that is what we are doing as we move ahead with this realignment.”

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About LESD25

Founded in 1887, the Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 spans 285 square miles including rural and suburban settings. It has grown from a historic one-room schoolhouse, to seven kindergarten through eighth grade schools between Buckeye and Goodyear, educating more than 4,700 students. Each school is tailored to serve students based on their interests through unique signature programs. LESD25 prepares all students for success in high school and beyond with engaging and challenging learning environments. Through individual accomplishment, personal leadership, and contribution to their community, children flourish. Discover more at liberty25.org.

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