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**OUR SCHOOLS, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR WAY;
Agua Fria High School District Highlights Strategic Investments in Students and
Community**

(Avondale, Ariz. - Nov. 26, 2025) With students and our community at the forefront, Agua Fria High School District takes pride in our work to educate students across the western portion of Avondale, Litchfield Park, Goodyear, and the eastern portion of Buckeye. I firmly believe that every one of our high schools: Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Goodyear, Millennium, and Verrado, belongs to the community, and every decision we make reflects the values and priorities you've shared with us.

At the heart of our work is a 10-year strategic plan developed in partnership with our community. We listened to you - our local leaders, employers, city municipalities, faith-based communities, families, and staff to understand what students need to be ready for college, careers, and life. This strategic plan drives every investment, ensuring district-approved funds are spent where they matter most - for the benefit of our students and our schools.

That's why workforce development programs, well-rounded educational opportunities, and specialized academies are at the heart of what we do. We have a plan, and we stick to it, ensuring that every dollar of District-approved funding goes where it truly benefits students and our schools.

Current initiatives include:

- Academies of the Southwest Valley: Offering specialized pathways that reflect the workforce needs and opportunities valued by our community, including:
 - Academy of Creative Arts & Media (careers in design, media, and performing arts)
 - Academy of Business Design & Technology (careers in business management, marketing, and IT)
 - Academy of Science, Service & Innovation (careers in healthcare, biotechnology, and engineering)
 - Programs in electrical and mechanical pathways (careers in skilled trades, manufacturing, and technical services)

- Medical Academy: Preparing students for careers in healthcare and medical fields.
- Fire & Rescue Pathway: In partnership with the Buckeye Fire and Rescue, equipping students with skills for careers in the fire service.
- Arts Academy: Bringing arts and culture programs to students across the Southwest Valley.

In partnership with our local communities, we are developing several key programs and facilities to expand opportunities for our students. In August, we opened Goodyear High School, our sixth comprehensive high school in the District.. In Avondale, we have partnered with West-MEC to build a Career & Trades Academy, offering students hands-on experience in electrical, mechanical, and other skilled trade fields. In Litchfield Park, the Hilltop School for Arts and Performing Arts Center is currently under construction. We are also exploring locations in Buckeye and Goodyear for a new Medical Academy that will prepare students for careers in healthcare.

Additionally, we collaborate closely with our feeder districts, Avondale and Litchfield Elementary School Districts, as well as local K–8 charter schools, to create seamless pathways from elementary through high school, ensuring students have access to high-quality programs that meet both workforce and community needs.

Our investments reflect the priorities of our community and the five tenets of our strategic plan: Community Outreach, Career Opportunities, Academic Success, Wellness & Connectedness, and Resource Stewardship. We remain transparent in our operations to continue to earn the trust of our families and neighbors. Every dollar spent is intended to provide opportunities for student success and to build pathways to meaningful careers.

I would like to invite all of our families and community members to learn more about our programs, academies, and student achievements by visiting aguafria.org and exploring our [Strategic Plan](#). Through careful planning and collaboration, the district is shaping a future where every student has access to high-quality educational experiences and career-ready skills.

Mark Yslas
Superintendent
Agua Fria High School District

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Agua Fria High School District was established in 1955. Today, the district serves the communities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, and Litchfield Park, with six high schools: Agua Fria, Canyon View, Desert Edge, Goodyear, Millennium, Verrado, and Agua Fria Online. Additionally, the District offers two alternative programs: Coldwater Academy and New Directions. More information can be found at www.aguafria.org