
AGENDA ITEM: Transfer Application – Daisy Education Corporation**2009-2010 Transfer Application Summary Report**

Daisy Education Corporation filed a transfer application to transfer a current site, Paragon Science Academy Elementary School, operating under the State Board of Education, to its own charter contract with the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools. Daisy Education Corporation is a non-profit corporation that was incorporated on 10/19/1999. Daisy Education Corporation currently operates two school sites; Sonoran Science Academy – Tucson (K-12) and Paragon Science Academy Elementary School (K-5). The same corporate principals also hold a charter for Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy – Phoenix (approved for K-12, currently operating K-10). With the transfer of the site to its own contract, the name of the school will change to Sonoran Science Academy – Ahwatukee to support its new location.

According to the Arizona Department of Education’s ADMS Report 45-1, Paragon Science Academy Elementary School presently has an ADM of 149.82 students and opened on 8/11/08.

Daisy Education Corporation has experienced the following academic success:

Paragon Science Academy Elementary School

School Year	AZ LEARNS	Annual Yearly Progress
2007-2008	No Data Available (School opened on 8/11/09)	

Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson

School Year	AZ LEARNS	Annual Yearly Progress
2007-2008	Excelling	Met
2006-2007	Excelling	Not Met*
2005-2006	Excelling	Met

*The school did not make AYP in 2006-2007 due to the fact that they did not meet the percent tested.

Sonoran Science Academy - Phoenix

School Year	AZ LEARNS	Annual Yearly Progress
2007-2008	Highly Performing	Met
2006-2007	Highly Performing	Met
2005-2006	Highly Performing	Met

Curricular Emphasis:

Sonoran Science Academy- Ahwatukee’s curriculum is set up to be challenging and demanding. Students in each grade level have the opportunity to work at a higher academic level if they mastered the current grade level subject materials. The school uses the Northwest Evaluation Association’s Measure of Academic Performance three times per year to monitor student proficiency. The school uses the data for implementing individual student remediation, intervention, tutoring and mentoring programs. Low class sizes play an important part of the school’s success.

Governance Structure:

The school’s governing Board will oversee all macro-management including corporate financials. The District office staff is in close communication with the School Governing Board. All school-level micromanagement will be carried out by the principal, teachers and other staff.

The mission of the additional charter is as follows:

The mission of Sonoran Science Academy – Ahwatukee (SSA-Ahwatukee) is college preparation for students to achieve success in the high-tech community of the new millennium through a science and math instructional program that includes high educational standards, a liberal arts foundation and meets individual student’s needs to compete successfully in a global technological society upon graduation.

Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy - Ahwatukee	
Grade Levels	K-5
Special Emphasis	Math, Science, Technology and Liberal Arts
Methodology	Students receive four days of in-class instruction and one day of computerized instruction. Many core subject courses are offered at grade level, advanced level and accelerated paces.
Location	14647 S. 50 th St. Bldg I, Suite 125 Phx, AZ 85044
Market Analysis-Student Population	All students in grades K-5 in the Ahwatukee area looking for a challenging curriculum.
Socio-Economic Status	Free/Reduced Lunch: 12%
Corporate Principals	Abdullah Yilmaz and Metin Yildirim
Governing Body	<u>2 Charter Organization Members:</u> Abdullah Yilmaz and Metin Yildirim <u>2 Other Members:</u> Mehmet A. Baysal and Ismail Emre

Board Options

1. The Board may approve the Transfer Application for Daisy Education Corporation.
2. The Board may deny the Transfer Application for Daisy Education Corporation.