

# BASIS Phoenix South Primary



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# Background Information

- Why I wanted to be the leader of BASIS Phoenix South



# The Misconceptions

- We only teach affluent kids
  - 70% of our student population qualifies for free and reduced lunch
- We weed kids out
  - 201 students started the year and 193 are with us today
- We don't offer Special education or English Language services
  - 41 SPED students
  - 29 EL
- We don't connect with our community
  - We have a relationship with the libraries, barbershops, churches in our community and the Vanguard Initiative

# Student Feedback

- Our students very much enjoy all their specials classes
- We offer Mandarin, PE, Drama, Music, Art, Engineering and Connections
  - We restructured the time frame of the lessons so students whom get pulled out for interventions don't miss instruction or "you do" time
  - Hugs!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# Parent Feedback

- “I can’t believe how much my son has learned this year already”
- “I can understand what my daughter is saying now!”
- “I was skeptical in the beginning but I see you guys are a good school and everyone look outs for my son”
- Two parents withdrew their students mid-year and within a month they were asking to be reenrolled
- Out of our 193 students we have 189 that have reenrolled the other 4 are transferring to BASIS Mesa and BASIS Scottsdale Primary

# Vision for Growth

- We currently have 193 students in
  - Three kinder classes (originally only expected to have 2)
  - Two 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes
  - Two 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes
  - Next year we are adding two more 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes and 3 kinder classes with a total of 283 students
  - By 2028 our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be our first graduating class
    - We have already begun construction of our first addition of 3 classrooms and an office and expect to have two more buildings to accommodate middle and high schools by 2028

# Differentiation

- Every student is on an intervention support plan, regardless of their academic level
  - The majority of our students get pulled out for 30 to 45 minutes daily for reading support by reading specialist and teaching fellows
  - The rest of the students get pulled out for higher level “book clubs”
  - We have 41 SPED students and 29 EL students who get a push in or pull out intervention daily
  - We differentiate do nows, homework, and do a lot of centers work in each class to be able to differentiate our groups and instruction

# Successes

- Every student with the exception of 6 kindergartners are reading
- As of last month, all kindergarten students are now doing first grade math
- Every student has made gains whether small or major on our Fast Bridge benchmarks since the fall