

## **Sonoran Science Academy – Phoenix Metro Replication Application Summary Report**

Daisy Education Corporation dba Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson filed a replication application for a new entity, Sonoran Science Academy – Phoenix Metro (SSA-Phoenix), to operate a school in the Phoenix Metro area. Daisy Education Corporation is an Arizona 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) and Sonoran Science Academy – Broadway (opened 8/11/2008).

Sonoran Science Academy – Tucson has experienced the following academic success:

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.

### **Market Analysis:**

The proposed location of SSA-Phoenix Metro School will be in the 5 mile radius of zip code 85007 in Phoenix, AZ. There are 64 district and charter schools that have been operating at least two years at the middle school level in this area. Approximately 92% of the school are below the Arizona Department of Education’s “Highly Performing and Excelling” labels, which are the labels that SSA’s schools hold. In addition, about 20% of these schools are Underperforming.

The main target market for this school are the 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Phoenix Elementary, Phoenix Union High School, Osborn, Wilson Elementary, Madison, Balsz, Alhambra Elementary and Creighton School districts. SSA-Phoenix Metro expects to add a grade level each consecutive school year, with a total enrollment reaching 525 students in 2012.

### **Governance Structure:**

The Corporate Board of Directors for SSA-Phoenix Metro will also serve as the Governing Body. The Governing Body will function as the ultimate authority to assure the well being of SSA-Phoenix Metro. The Governing Body will meet once bi-monthly to oversee the following; monitoring general policies of the school related to admissions, health and safety, curriculum and assessment, facility use and the implementation of these policies. The Governing Body will also make all major academic policy decisions, assure that the school adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and approve all budgets.

### **Mission Statement:**

Consistent with Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson, the mission of Sonoran Science Academy – Phoenix Metro is: “The mission of Sonoran Science Academy (SSA) 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 needs to compete successfully in a global technological society upon graduation.”

A complete application was submitted for the 2009-2010 replication cycle. The applicant met all eligibility criteria.

	<b>Sonoran Science Academy - Tucson</b>	<b>Sonoran Science Academy – Phoenix Metro</b>
<b>Instructional Program</b>		
Grade Levels	K-12	K-12
Special Emphasis	Math, Science, Technology and Liberal Arts	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.	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.
<b>Demographics</b>		
Location	2325 W. Sunset Rd. Tucson, AZ 85741	<b>Adams School</b> Grace Court School 800 W Adams St Phoenix , AZ 85007 Type: Historic Places
Ethnicity	Over 75% White	Over 80% Hispanic
Socio-Economic Status	Title I Status: Targeted Assistance	84% Free and Reduced Lunch 40% English Language Learners
<b>Organizational Structure</b>		
Corporate Principals	Abdullah Yilmaz and Metin Yildirim	Abdullah Yilmaz, Metin Yildirim, Ismail Araci, Mehmet Baysal
Authorized Representative	Abdullah Yilmaz, Metin Yildirim,	Ozkur Yildiz
Governing Body	Abdullah Yilmaz, Metin Yildirim, Ismail Araci, Mehmet Baysal	Same as Corporate Members

**Suggested Motion:**

Accept the application and grant the replication charter for Sonoran Science Academy – Phoenix Metro.