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Dr. George Rising
The Rising School
5405 N. Oracle Rd., Ste. 101
Tucson, AZ 85704

Dear Dr. Rising:

Congratulations! The **Arizona Charter Schools Incentive Program** (AZ CSP) office recommended The Rising School, Inc. to the **Arizona State Board of Education** for AZ CSP funding at its September 23, 2013 meeting and the application has been approved. Depending on your enrollment and budget plans, you will be awarded up to $230,000 for up to three Project Years

In order for you to make your first draw of funds as quickly as possible and confirm the scope of the grant and review allowable expenditures, please contact Sheri.Partridge@azed.gov. Dr. Francis will call you to go over the terms and conditions of the grant and the specific action on the school's part that could trigger a suspension of funds. The budget meeting with Dr. Francis will determine your Project Year 1 final award amount. This will be performed electronically.

Access to the AZ CSP funds to support the Planning and Implementation spending plan for your school described in your application will be available through the Grants Management Enterprise process. You will be able to backdate eligible expenses from April 1, 2013. Assuming The Rising School, Inc. abides by all AZ CSP guidelines and state and federal regulations and is on target to meet its goals, it will be eligible to submit spending plans for Project Years 2015 and 2016.

This grant is for the Planning and Implementation of The Rising School, Inc. only. It may not be shared with any other entity. Acceptance of the AZ CSP grant award requires that the charter representative and its board president annually sign the General Statement of Assurances. The Rising School, Inc. *shall* reside and serve the community described in its AZ CSP grant application; it shall provide the AZ CSP office full access to the school site and records to monitor progress of stipulated school goals and it shall file a Completion Report describing the school's grant financial activities and progress toward its goals. The Completion Report shall be required for renewal of funds in April 2014. The content and format for that report shall be forthcoming.

If you have further questions, you may contact the AZ CSP Project Specialist, Sheri Partridge, Sheri.Partridge@azed.gov 602.364.1909.

Respectfully,

Mark S. Francis

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Deputy Associate Superintendent
Charter School Program