State of Arizona
Department of Education
Office of John Huppenthal
Superintendent of Public Instruction

August 22, 2012

Montessori Day Public Schools Chartered - Mountainside
Ms. Patricia Freeman
9215 N. 14th Street
Phoenix AZ 85020

Dear Ms. Freeman:

On behalf of the Arizona Department of Education, it is my great pleasure to inform you, your staff, students and parents that **Montessori Day Public Schools Chartered - Mountainside** has been identified as a Title I **"High Performing"** and **"High Progress Reward"** school.

On July 19, 2012, the U.S. Department of Education approved Arizona's ESEA Flexibility Request. As a result, Arizona now has an accountability and recognition system for Title I schools that incorporates Arizona's Letter Grade system. For more details about Arizona's approved ESEA Flexibility Request, see www.azed.gov/eseawaiver/.

The criteria for schools achieving these prestigious Title I Reward labels are:

High Performing
- earned an "A" letter grade
- met Annual Measureable Objectives (AMOs)
- above average achievement and growth among their Bottom Quartile students
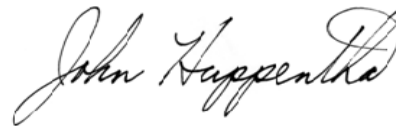- a current year graduation rate greater than 80%

High Progress
- an 'A' or 'B' letter grade
- above average growth for all students
- above average achievement and growth among the Bottom Quartile students
- high schools with growth in graduation rate of greater than 10% over the past three years

Under your strong leadership, having met all of the above-mentioned criteria, your staff is equipping students with the skills needed for achieving *college- and career-readiness* and preparing them for the many choices and challenges they will encounter beyond high school. We will be striving throughout this year to recognize and highlight your school.

Again, I commend you and your staff on your outstanding, excellent education results and uplifting the quality of education for Arizona's students.

Sincerely,

John Huppenthal
Superintendent of Public Instruction

cc: Superintendent
Federal Programs Director