



State of Arizona
Department of Education

Tom Horne
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

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Dear Parent,

This letter is to update you as to the status of the Displaced Pupils Choice Grant program. As you know, Superintendent Horne challenged the court ruling prohibiting the release of funds. Late last week, the court issued a favorable decision which would have allowed us to continue awarding the grant as it was intended. Almost simultaneously the legislature was in negotiations to approve the state budget.

As a result of the negotiated budget just passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, all funding for this program has been cancelled. Because the legislature and the Governor cut this program from the budget, the Arizona Department of Education is specifically prohibited by law from expending any funds for the grant program.

All 4th quarter payments have been processed; however, no further payments can be made.

It is imperative that you make arrangements for the upcoming school year. The Displaced Pupils Choice Grant program has been discontinued as funding is no longer available. If you decide to continue enrollment in your current private school, all tuition and fees will be your responsibility.

Should the status of this program change, we will post updates on our website at:
<http://www.ade.az.gov/DisplacedPupilGrants/Default.asp>.

Again, we apologize for the frustration and inconvenience this causes you.

Sincerely,

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