

(The following text is also repeated in the attached pdf) For more than 150 years, Tempe Elementary School District has provided community-inspired education serving the families of Tempe, Phoenix, Guadalupe, and beyond. In 2024, we proudly celebrated our Sesquicentennial - the founding of our District in 1874. Over the years, our community has placed much value in sharing our District's history, and we wanted to create a video that honored our rich legacy, while at the same time usher in a new era of excellence for the next 150 years. The video was presented at our Back to School Rally, where new and veteran staff members come together in an event that celebrates the upcoming school year. We wanted our staff to truly understand where we came from... our foundation. We wanted to "show" that the first 150 years was only the beginning. The Tempe Elementary School District would be a force that will inspire others to emulate our strategies and culture. With this being our 150th year as a District, the video serves as a time machine; taking our community back through the years when the Tempe Elementary Schools District started with an enrollment of a mere 43 students, to the present day where now we proudly serve a diverse student population of 10,000, speaking over 70 languages. We wanted our staff to feel a sense of pride where they work. Our community needed to know that their hard-work and passion has been the backbone of our district's history and legacy throughout these 150 years. That without their dedication to excellence we could have never reached our full potential as a school district to serve our families to the fullest. With a new invigorated spirit, our teachers and staff were buzzing with ideas and excitement on how they were going to make the next 150 years even more memorable than the first. Even in today's fast-paced world of technology and innovation, there is a deep-rooted sense of enduring connection within Tempe Elementary Schools. That connection can be felt by our staff, students, and community, connecting the past with the present and the present to our future... a future where our students become significant contributors within our community and our world - this is the 150 Years of Excellence of the Tempe Elementary Schools District.