



Arizona Department of Education
Educator & School Excellence Unit - Arts Education

Arts Education Specialist - Letter of Transition

Dear Arts Education Stakeholders, Colleagues, & Friends,

I am writing this letter to inform you all that I have accepted a position teaching drama at Silvestre S. Herrera Elementary School in the Phoenix Elementary School District for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. My last official day with the Arizona Department of Education will be Monday July 19th, 2021.

I made this decision to transition back to the classroom out of my passion for teaching theatre and serving spaces of bilingual education, both of which are the focus of this elementary school in my neighborhood. It gives me so much joy to think about setting students on the path of developing artistic literacy and my imagination lights up thinking of the creative projects we will pursue together. I can think of no better way to heal hearts after what has been a difficult year for all of us during the COVID19 pandemic than to embark upon making art with young performers & artists.

It has been my pleasure serving arts education at the state for the last almost three years and I am so incredibly proud of everything we have accomplished together. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition to pass along my institutional knowledge to my successor and I want nothing more than to ensure forward momentum for arts education in Arizona. I look forward to transitioning to being your collaborator in new capacities and continuing our relationships and work. I fully intend to stay engaged with arts education at the Department and I am so fortunate to call you all my colleagues and friends.

Always in Collaboration,

Haley Honeman
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