



Governor to Visit and Honor Arizona's First K-8 Autism-Focused Charter School
Ducey to Inaugurate Arizona Autism Charter School's New Upper School Campus during Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday

PHOENIX – Governor Doug Ducey will visit six public schools during the months of August and September as Arizona teachers, parents and students head back to school. Arizona Autism Charter School's (AZACS) new Upper School Campus is among the schools chosen for its demonstrated academic excellence, innovative programs and exemplary teachers and school leadership. The Governor's visit to AZACS will focus on its innovative special education program, which includes a focus on rigorous academics, life skills and career exploration.

"Having our state's top leader at our school is an amazing honor and wonderful opportunity for our students, teachers and staff," said Diana Diaz-Harrison, Founder and Executive Director of AZACS. "The demand for our program has been tremendous and after only two years in operation, we are opening our second campus. We look forward to showing Governor Ducey how we work with children at all levels of the autism spectrum to prepare them to become fulfilled, productive citizens."

As the state's first and only K-8 charter school focused on meeting the needs of children with autism, Governor Ducey has a special interest in seeing how the school is meeting a growing community need.

"One in 64 Arizona children are diagnosed with autism, one of the highest incidence rates in the nation," said Governor Ducey. "The visit to Arizona Autism Charter School is a great opportunity to meet with school leaders to talk about educational solutions that will prepare this growing population of children for vocational, college and career opportunities."

Event Details:

August 24, 2016

Ribbon Cutting, Open to Media at 10:00 a.m.

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