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Ms. Victoria Callison  
Tucson Unified School District  
1010 East 10th Street  
Tucson, AZ 85719

RE: Application U165A130066

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your extraordinary efforts in preparing a **Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) grant (CFDA 84.165A)**. Your application reflects some of the most important work in our country around supporting the development and design of innovative education methods and practices that promote diversity and increase choices in public education programs.

We regret to inform you that your application was not selected for funding. The MSAP grant competition was highly competitive—out of the 83 applications reviewed, we were only able to fund 27 grants. The number of quality proposals for the MSAP grant competition simply exceeded the grant funds available.

A panel of three expert reviewers scored each assigned application using the six selection criteria and four competitive preference priorities. The reviewers' scores determined the highest-scoring applications. Reviewers were drawn from a broad pool of professionals with backgrounds in magnet school planning and implementation, education administration, curriculum and staff development, civil rights law; and, the evaluation of education programs. Peer reviewers were selected for their expertise in the program priorities and the skills and attributes outlined in the Call for MSAP Reviewers. In addition, peer reviewers were screened for conflicts of interest. We have enclosed copies of the Technical Review Forms (TRFs) completed by the three peer reviewers who reviewed and scored your application.

If you would like to see the list of funded MSAP applications, please visit the MSAP Program Website at: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/magnet/index.html>. The program narratives and scores for funded applications will be posted by the end of October 2013.

Thank you for your interest in the Magnet Schools Assistance Program, and for your efforts to increase quality elementary and secondary education for all students.

Please feel free to contact Brittany Beth at 202-453-6653 or via e-mail at [brittany.beth@ed.gov](mailto:brittany.beth@ed.gov) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Hinton".

Anna Hinton, Ph.D.  
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Parental Options and Information

Enclosures:  
Reviewers' Technical Review Forms

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