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Dear Families,

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My name is Colleen Koblinski and I am the new Parent Involvement and Community Relations Specialist at Desert Edge High School. I am very excited to be taking over for Jason Linn, as he has moved into the position of Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with you and your family, and wanted to take a moment to tell you a little more about myself.

This is my fourth year in the Agua Fria Union High School District, and my first year at Desert Edge High School. Previous to this, I was at Verrado High School and taught English 10 and 11, as well as Creative Writing, Speech and Debate, Journalism, and Publications (Yearbook). Since moving to Arizona in 2004 I have taught children as young as third grade through high school and beyond. I also work for the Maricopa County Community College District where I teach ENG101 and 102 online for Rio Salado College. The relationships I have built with students and their families in my 15 years in Arizona have always held a special place in my heart and I hope to be able to provide even more support within our school and community in the upcoming years.

As the Parent Involvement and Community Relations Specialist, my attention will be spent helping more parents and families become involved in the educational experiences of their child(ren). Research has shown that the more a family is involved in their children's education and school, the student will be more likely to stay in school, finish school, and excel in school. The administration and staff have done an outstanding job getting Desert Edge High School on the map as a successful and excelling school and I hope to support the school to further shine in our vision of *All Students College and Career Ready*.

This program will consist of many opportunities to get involved at Desert Edge High School in a variety of ways. There will be in-person and online workshops to provide tips and ideas of how to get involved and assist your students with their studies. One new thing we are hoping to start this year is an online live feed video series through Facebook Live. This would allow you watch informational videos pertaining to all things DE from virtually anywhere, as long as you follow our Facebook page. Please click [here](#) to follow our Facebook page and share with your friends! As soon as we reach 250 followers, I will begin our online information series. In addition, volunteer opportunities will also be available to help increase the connection between Desert Edge High School and our Community.

I am looking forward to getting to meet and know each and every parent. If you ever have any questions regarding this program or any other important information, please do not hesitate to contact me at ckoblinski@aguafria.org.

Sincerely,
Colleen Koblinski
Parent Involvement and Community Relations Specialist