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Pima County Superintendent
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Dear Superintendent Williams,

Hi my name is Ellie. I am in 3rd grade and I am 8 years old. Two things I like best about school are Social Studies and Math. My goals for the year are math and Spanish.

My teacher says writing has power! Because you are the Superintendent, I want to write to you with my idea. I think there should be a Spanish class in elementary school. Because of my research, I learned a lot. According to an article I read on the internet called The Brain Effects of Learning a

Second Language. Learning a second language offers proven benefits for intelligence, memory, and concentration and lowerd risks of dementia and Alzheimer's.

Understanding language is one of the hardest thing your brain does. And we want hard things in school. Speaking of learning a foseign language gives your brain a good workout. Keep your mind sharp, and buffer your brain against aging. Speaking of learning a second language can benifit your brain, NO matter your age. Why do we wait until middle school and high school?

People who speak two or more languages have significantly better overall cognitive abilities than those who speak one. Isn't this important to the future?

The Problem is Funding. Can you talk to the people at the state level about making changes? This is important to me.

Sincerely, Ellie