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100 Days of School and Gratitude for Charter Schools

Southwest Leadership Academy (SLA) provides a model for charter schools, especially for at-risk, trauma-affected students in low income communities where students previously faced failure at the regular school programs they attended. No one wants to fail and our students want to become someone special and be happy, safe and successful in the future.

SLA is a "B" rated school in Arizona, an excellent rating especially since many of our students come to SLA with significant academic deficits. SLA's smaller school size, standards based instruction, weekly formative assessments to be sure students have learned, parent teacher connections including home visits, availability of a guidance counselor and a school social worker, and teachers who care about each student as an individual have all made SLA the "home" students value to complete their education.

Recently SLA celebrated the 100th day of school with students who enjoyed this special day with games, prizes and a celebratory lunch. At the same time, our students expressed their appreciation for charter schools and the second (sometimes even third) chance that SLA has provided them to turn their lives around. ROP intends to open additional charter schools and provide the best aftercare for our residential students who are reintegrating into their community and those students who see their success in a more personalized and caring education environment.
