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**To:** School District Personnel  
**From:** Arizona School Facilities Board Staff  
**RE:** Groundbreaking Celebration for New Global Academy in Laveen

School Facilities Board staff proudly participated this morning in the official groundbreaking of the K-8 Estrella Foothills Global Academy in the Laveen Elementary School District. Pictured above (from left to right) are invited guests, the SFB New School Construction team, and SFB Executive Director Paul Bakalis with Laveen Elementary Superintendent Dr. Bill Johnson.

Estrella Foothills Global Academy will be one of a few public schools in America offering global studies as its signature program, giving students the opportunity to think and engage in learning activities that broaden their global perspective. Plans are to become an international Baccalaureate World School with Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language component.

The School Facilities Board invested \$14.6 Million of funding to build this 92,400 square foot creative learning environment set to open in August 2020.

**About the Arizona School Facilities Board**

Created in 1998, the Arizona School Facilities Board (AZSFB) is a cabinet-level, state-government agency managing nearly \$300 Million in state funding appropriated for K-12 school district facilities. The 10-member board meets monthly to grant funding for new school construction and to correct deficiencies at existing school facilities. AZSFB staff is a partner and advocate for school districts in facilitating successful grant requests.