State why you chose to enroll your child at LAAA?

Having the experience of the large public school system as a student and a teacher, LAAA offers my children an academic experience where teachers know them. ASPIRA offers them the opportunity to collaborate with students of culturally diverse backgrounds as well as being able to embrace their own culture.

What attracted you to LAAA?

The opportunity to be immerse in the Spanish language. The smaller class sizes. The K-8 setting was an added bonus. The idea that they did not have to "start" over after having a great experience.

What do you like about LAAA?

ASPIRA is a second family to our family. Our children receive the individualized attention that they need academically as well as individuals. They have made lasting friendships, and have nothing but a great educational experience so far. From day 1 my children were part of a "family" and not "just another student".

State why you feel our expansion to a high school is necessary.

The expansion of a HS is important to me as a parent, because I want my children to have continue to have an academic experience where they are immersed in their cultural background while they are on their way of becoming well-rounded adults. Having the HS, they would be able to continue to be a part of a larger organization that strives for their success culturally diverse country.

How likely are you to enroll your child in the ASPIRA high school if it is available when he/she is graduating from 8th grade?

Very likely!

Why would you prefer the ASPIRA high school versus other high school options?

Having been a part of ASPIRA, I know what are the expectations are of my children, see their success thus far, and want the same success to extend into the most crucial part of the education, when they are beginning their integration into the workforce and becoming contributing members to society. I feel that the HS will be a continuation of this great academic experience. I want my children to be a part of the smaller, tight knit community that I know ASPRA would offer them.

## Jacelyn Perez

I am an ASPIRA student! I have been at ASPIRA since the second grade. I'm currently a 7th grader going into 8 grade. When I came, the teacher were helpful, I made friends and had teachers that I will always remember because they helped me. The teacher always encourages us to work hard to make not only ourselves better but also to help make the ASPIRA community and our communities better. In ASPIRA there are lot of activities, I am a part of several activities and everyone, teachers, staff, students all know each other and they all encourage me to continue to do my best in everything. I feel ASPIRA is helping me learning in 2 languages! I feel like this will give me better options in the future. Why I think ASPIRA should open up a high school? That would be because even though there are other schools that teach languages, ASPIRA offers much more than just a new language, at ASPIRA we are encouraged to achieve success, strive to be better, be proactive in our studies, inquire about everything around us, respect everyone's differences and be accountable for one another.

Jacelyn