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Desert Mirage School in the Pendergast District Celebrates the Expansion of the Next Level Academy with Nationally Renowned Motivational Speaker Jeremy Anderson

July 12, 2021 – Glendale, Arizona – Jeremy Anderson, nationally renowned motivational speaker and education advocate, is proud to announce the expansion of the Next Level Leadership Academy at Desert Mirage Elementary School. The Next Level Leadership Academy was established during the 2018-2019 school year, offering amazing opportunities for students enrolled in the Desert Mirage Elementary School 7th grade Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Academy. Since its establishment, the Academy has expanded and reached new heights. Desert Mirage Elementary School is proud to announce that the Next Level Leadership Academy is now available to all students in the 7th grade.

According to Principal Matt Williams, “Jeremy’s leadership has empowered many students’ lives and has helped them discover their purpose. The Next Level Academy has helped many students come out of their shell and strengthen their leadership skills.” The academy utilizes Jeremy’s Next Level Students Character curriculum, which is a Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and character education curriculum that pairs perfectly with PBIS Schools .

Dr. Jennifer Cruz, Pendergast Elementary School District Superintendent shares, “Jeremy Anderson’s Next Level Students curriculum plays an important role in student learning and academic achievement in our 7th grade STEAM Academy. The Next Level curriculum equips students to deal with real life problems and helps them cope with problems that affect them on a personal level. We are excited to have Jeremy continue making an impact in our students’ lives and help them develop the skills necessary to become well rounded global citizens in the 21st century.”

Jeremy Anderson shares “I have experienced many challenges throughout my life such as drug and alcohol abuse and constant failure in school. I was able to transition from that to now being a powerful

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speaker who inspires and instructs students, teachers, and leaders on how to take their lives to the next level. I am a walking testimony of Next Level Living. I understand the importance of implementing programs that will enhance students' character, and promote leadership. The Jeremy Anderson Group is honored to continue and expand the Next Level Leadership Academy at the Pendergast School District. Believing that our students are the leaders of tomorrow, this is the perfect time to continue and expand the Next Level Leadership Academy!"

For further information about the Next Level Academy, contact Dr. Gwyn Marr, Director of Curriculum and Innovation at gmarr@pesd92.org or 623-772-2296.

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