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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AWARDED \$14 MILLION FOR NEW CHARTER SCHOOL START UPS FROM THE FEDS

PHOENIX (Thursday, July 30, 2009) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne announced today that the Arizona Department of Education was awarded \$14 million dollars from the U.S. Department of Education to open new charter schools in the state that will offer rigorous academic programs.

Horne stated: "Increasing the number of high quality charter schools that will focus on rigor has always been a priority for me. This money will provide a great opportunity to improve student achievement with high academic standards."

The Arizona Department of Education will partner in the endeavor with the State Board for Charter Schools in implementing the grant program.

Horne concluded: "This is a win-win for students, parents, and the state. Providing quality education tied to school choice increases the opportunity for student success."

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