



May 17, 2010

The Honorable Jan Brewer
Governor of Arizona
1700 W Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

It is my pleasure to endorse in the strongest possible terms your decision to apply for Round Two of the Race to the Top Fund. In the last few years, the energy and strength of the public and private forces have gathered to create for every student in Arizona an educational platform worthy of the 21st Century requirements for a highly educated work force. This offers great promise for our future. The Gallup Arizona Poll, conducted recently by our Center, affirms very strong citizen support for ensuring that every Arizona high school student graduates college and/or career ready, and that Arizona's students be educated to global standards.

The adoption of several recent educational reforms, including the 'Move On When Ready' legislation signed by you last week and the confirmation of Arizona's participation in the National Commission on Education and the Economy's multi-state consortium to adopt nationally normed curricula and Board Assessments is clear evidence of Arizona's commitment to the kind of educational reform called for in the Race to the Top competition.

These steps give clear expression to Arizona's commitment to ensuring that all students benefit from effective instruction at every point along the education continuum. They affirm Arizona's commitment to make fundamental changes to its public education system in two significant ways: policies to ensure effective instruction for all students and partnerships to ensure effective implementation of Arizona's reform platform.

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Arizona is well-positioned to make the fundamental changes needed to reform our educational system. We have strong partnerships among state, district and school leaders, teachers, business leaders, community leaders, parents and students. We have a common goal, a history of educational innovation upon which we can build, and a common strategy in place to create the educational reform called for in your Race to the Top proposal.

I endorse your proposal with enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lattie F. Coor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Lattie F. Coor, Ph.D.
Chairman and CEO