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The Honorable Jan Brewer
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington
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Dear Governor Brewer,

REF: Letter of Support for Arizona Race to the Top Phase II Application.

The Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools serves more than 711,000 school aged youth enrolled in traditional and non-traditional K-12 schools, comprising 63% of all students in the State of Arizona. Our Education Service Agency enthusiastically supports Arizona's *Race to the Top II Application* and will actively assist in the making your powerful vision for Arizona youth a reality.

Your vision "***Transformation of Arizona's education system that will lead to a future where all Arizona students are prepared to succeed in college and career,***" is a true indicator of your commitment to all of our school aged youth. This vision articulates your clear and purposeful focus on the one strategy most important to improving student learning "***ensuring that all students benefit from effective instruction year after year, in every grade, in every course, in every school and in every area across the State.***" This vision is commendable, and with your leadership achievable.

Your commitment to ***build on Arizona's prior history of innovative, entrepreneurial education*** reform is applauded and will enable the State to rapidly operationalize the reforms articulated in your plan. Our Education Service Agency supports you with the accomplishment of your "Overarching Goal"—***All students will demonstrate the skills, knowledge and abilities essential for postsecondary success.*** We stand ready to assist you with the implementation, validation and actualization of each of your education reform areas of:

- *Standards and Assessments*
- *Data Systems to Support Instruction*
- *Great Teachers and Leaders*
- *Supporting Struggling Schools*

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald D. Covey".

Donald D. Covey, Superintendent
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