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

Dear Governor Brewer:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of support for Arizona's Race to the Top Application. The goal of education here in Arizona is that all students will graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills they need for success in postsecondary education and careers. To effect these goals, we will target transition years to ensure students are prepared for the next level of their education. We will provide K-2 supports that will help to ensure that every child is reading proficiently by the end of third grade. We will also work to improve eighth grade reading and math proficiency and establish Arizona Education and Career Action Plans for all students. By tenth grade, we will work to increase proficiency in reading, Math, and STEM courses, while also providing students with multiple pathways to a high school diploma

Arizona has identified several performances indicators in its Race to the Top application that will measure the state's implementation of its reform plan and the progress toward meeting its goal, as well as what I consider ambitious but achievable targets for student performance, by the year 2020. With Race to the Top support, I anticipate that by 2014 Arizona will be well on its way to meeting or exceeding these higher targets. I fully support Arizona's efforts to improve education state wide.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Dickson Superintendent