

One day, all children in this nation will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education.



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

Dear Governor Brewer,

On behalf of the Teach For America • Phoenix region, I would like to express our support for Arizona's Race To The Top application. The Arizona plan will address what we believe to be the most critical issue facing our society – the achievement gap that exists between students growing up in low-income communities and their more affluent peers. By focusing on student achievement outcomes, we will be able to ensure that all of Arizona's students have access to a high quality education.

The Phoenix region of Teach For America is committed to continuing to work in partnership with the many other organizations and leaders dedicated to improving Arizona's education system. In particular, we are excited to contribute to the Arizona plan in the Race To The Top application by exploring opportunities to partner with Native American communities on reservations, work with the Arizona Department of Education to build the pipeline of school leaders with turnaround experience, and collaborate with the state and districts to expand Teach For America's footprint in Arizona. The Race To The Top application demonstrates Arizona's commitment to building supports necessary for real improvement in our schools.

The Teach For America • Phoenix region is honored to be a part of the conversation around our state's Race To The Top application. We are eager and willing to share our knowledge and intellectual capital with Arizona as we move forward together, and we look forward to all that is accomplished with this plan.

Sincerely,

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