



May 14, 2010

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

Dear Governor Brewer,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for Arizona's Race to the Top Application. With a significant presence in Arizona, Intel is a strong corporate partner in both education and economic development. The continued success of Intel and other 21st century employers depends on college and career readiness and STEM education for all Arizona students. Arizona's application demonstrates the vision and commitment to the education transformation needed to ensure an integrated Pre-K through 20 education system that supports innovation, economic development, and personal prosperity for all.

Arizona is poised to deliver on this mission. Early adoption of charter schools, implementation of a P20 committee that includes education, government and business leaders, and membership in the Achieve American Diploma Project, and the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, are key actions that have paved the way for work envisioned in the Race to the Top strategy. Arizona is again demonstrating innovative leadership in the adoption of the Common Core Standards and assessments tied to college- and career-ready expectations and the expansion of the Arizona Growth model, a performance management system that ties teacher pay and performance to student growth and achievement. The commitment to continue to implement a data system that informs parents, students, teachers and administrators as well as researchers and policy makers, and teacher preparation, professional development and assignment systems that ensures highly effective teachers for all students is essential and bold.

Intel is firmly committed to supporting Arizona as we transform our education system. We will continue to bring our leadership of organizations at the national level, like Achieve, and our collaborative leadership, with Cisco and Microsoft on the global Assessment and Teaching of 21st Century Skills project, to bear on this critical work. We look forward to continuing to convene and provide leadership to the essential partnership of the business community as we execute the aggressive plan described in the Race to the Top application.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelly Esque". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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