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May 15, 2010

The Honorable Jan Brewer

Governor of Arizona

1700 West Washington

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Honorable Brewer:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for Arizona's Race to the Top application (Arizona RTTT Plan). Murphy Elementary School District #21 fully supports programs specifically designed to improve academic achievement of children through education reform efforts.

Arizona's RTTT educational goal of ensuring that all students graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in their postsecondary education and career.

In this grant, the State has selected several student performance indicators to measure the state's progress toward meeting its goal through the implementation of its Race to the Top reform plan, along with ambitious but achievable targets for student performance in these indicators by 2020. If awarded this grant, Arizona will be able to exceed many targets already selected, and expects that in 2014 it will be well on its way to meeting these higher targets.

Arizona's Race to the Top application (Arizona Plan) addresses education reforms in four assurance areas: (1) standards and assessments; (2) data systems to support instruction; (3) great teachers and leaders; and (4) turning around the lowest-achieving schools.

Therefore, on behalf of Murphy Elementary School district #21, I will work collaboratively with the State, regional support centers, and other partners, to promote and sustain Arizona's Race to the Top application (Arizona Plan).

Please feel free to call me @ 602-353-5002 if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kathy Granillo-Beebe

Consultant to the Governing Board