



**Pima County
Workforce Investment Board**

May 20, 2110

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

Dear Governor Brewer,

It is my pleasure on behalf of the Pima County Workforce Investment Board to submit this letter of support of the application for the Race To The Top Phase II application.

The components of the application link extricable with the goal in the application of having all students graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills needed for success in postsecondary education and careers.

It is my understanding that the strategies to ensure that students are ready for their next level of education are comprehensive and sustainable. It is essential to the state of Arizona that all students are reading at grade level by the end of third grade and that 8th graders are proficient in mating and reading with a stabled Arizona Education and Career Plan. The goals for 10th grade are equally strong in that they support STEM education as well as the listed proficiencies in math and reading. Each student at the end of 10th grade will have options for multiple pathways to a high school diploma.

In order to have a well educated workforce to support aerospace, biotechnology, alternative energy development and other types of 21st century development, students must be prepared for the future with a well established firm foundation in the elements essential to those skills. It is my understanding that the application for Race To The Top funding does exactly that in Phase II.

My sincerest wishes for success with this proposal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton Hamilton", written in a cursive style.

Clayton Hamilton
Chair, Pima County Workforce Investment Board