

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

RE: Race to the Top Phase II, Letter of Support

Dear Governor Brewer,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the State of Arizona's application for the Race to the Top Phase II. As one of the largest colleges of education in the country, and one that produces more than half of the teachers in Arizona, we believe it is vital for our work in PreK-12 schools that Arizona receives support from the resources available through the Race to the Top program.

With innovative teacher preparation programs and nationally-ranked graduate programs, Arizona State University's Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College is at the forefront of education reform in the country. We are committed to making a difference in the community through excellence in partnerships, programs and teacher preparation. Through this collaboration, we can continue to advance the profession of teaching and the academic achievement of our PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Arizona.

We stand ready to support and collaborate with the effort to advance the knowledge and skills of our children so they can succeed in postsecondary education and in their professions.

Sincerely,

Mari Koerner, Dean

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