



Communities In Schools

Arizona

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

Dear Governor Brewer:

The goals of the Washington Elementary School District are much like the educational goals of the State of Arizona – to prepare students for future success. Communities In Schools of Arizona has partnered with this district for over ten years, providing integrated school-based services. I am inspired by the commitment to children and their future that I see regularly in Arizona schools, and I am humbled by the service to children that I see in our educators. Arizona was built on an entrepreneurial spirit, and I see that spirit reflected in our education system today.

In order for Arizona to become an educational leader, our state must commit itself to preparing students for the future. I believe that Arizona's Race to the Top reform plan is an important part of reaching that goal. It shows a combined commitment to education reform, aided by strong leadership and true partnerships among the state, school districts, teachers, the business community, parents and students. It is time for Arizona to take the lead and show that we are advocates for our children and their future.

Sincerely,

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