



# NAVAJO COUNTY

Superintendent of Schools

*"Creating an Enriched Educational Environment"*

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

Dear Governor Brewer,

As Arizona approaches its Centennial celebration, it is imperative that we act upon everything within our reach to prepare the next generation of citizens. To that end our education system must be ready to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in a 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy. The success of our young people and of the state relies upon the actions that we are taking now to transform our education system. This transformation will need to draw upon that same courageous spirit that built this great state of today.

Each County Superintendent of Schools, through their Education Service Agency, is ready for the challenge of helping our local schools. We have the partnerships in place that support a broad range of services at a regional level to assist schools in planning, implementing, and assessing improvement efforts. We understand the communities in our area and the need that is unique to each. We also understand the inherent challenges to provide the resources and support necessary to achieve these goals.

As regional education leaders, the County School Superintendents are uniquely qualified to be the support system that is necessary for strategic reform and improvement in education. Through everyone's efforts, we can find the common ground to create the state that we all want to see in the next 100 years!

As the Navajo County Superintendent of Schools, I support the focused effort envisioned in the Race to the Top application to develop a high quality educational system that produces career, college, and workforce ready citizens.

Respectfully,

Linda L. Morrow

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*"To penetrate and dissipate these clouds of darkness, the general mind must be strengthened by education" ~Thomas Jefferson*