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Dr. Linda O'Dell, President
Gila County School Superintendent

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Ms. Linda Morrow, Vice President
Navajo County School Superintendent

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

Ms. Donna McGaughey, Secretary
Graham County School Superintendent

Ms. Janice Shelton, Treasurer
LaPaz County School Superintendent

Mr. Tom Tyree, Past President
Yuma County School Superintendent

Dear Governor Brewer,

Dr. Linda Arzoumanian
Pima County School Superintendent

I write on behalf of the Arizona Association of County School Superintendents (AACSS) to extend our endorsement of the education reform plan as envisioned and outlined in Arizona's Race to the Top application.

Dr. Pauline Begay
Apache County School Superintendent

Ms. Trudy Berry
Cochise County School Superintendent

We recognize the need for ensuring that Arizona students have the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed and thrive as productive citizens in a 21st century global economy. We strongly support efforts to transform Arizona's educational systems to increase expectations for student achievement and to ensure effective instruction in all Arizona schools and classrooms. At the same time, we understand the critical need and inherent challenge to provide the resources and supports necessary to achieve these goals.

Mr. Tim Carter
Yavapai County School Superintendent

Dr. Don Covey
Maricopa County School Superintendent

Mr. Michael File
Mohave County School Superintendent

Through our county Education Service Agencies, we look forward to potential opportunities to provide service, assistance and support to Arizona schools in partnership with the State. We are well-positioned to offer a broad range of services at the regional level to assist schools in planning, implementing and assessing reform and improvement efforts.

Ms. Cecilia Owen
Cocanino County School Superintendent

Mr. Tom Powers
Greenlee County School Superintendent

Ms. Orlanda Roberts
Pinal County School Superintendent

As regional educational leaders, County School Superintendents are uniquely qualified to serve as the 'spokes in the wheel' to reach out and work in partnership with local schools and their communities to bring about education reform and improvement. The Arizona Association of County School Superintendents supports 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.

Mr. Alfredo Velasquez
Santa Cruz County School Superintendent

Respectfully,



Linda L. O'Dell

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