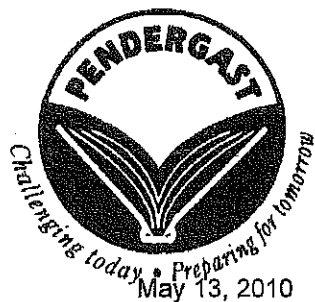


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The Honorable Jan Brewer
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1700 West Washington
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Dear Governor Brewer,

The Pendergast School District supports the State of Arizona in its Round 2 application for Race to the Top.

The reform agenda with four assurance areas are:

- (1) standards and assessments,
- (2) data systems to support instruction,
- (3) great teachers and leaders, and
- (4) turning around the lowest-achieving schools

The Arizona plan describes Arizona's goals within each of these areas and its policy and implementation strategies to meet these goals, and Pendergast School District is prepared to partner with the State to plan, coordinate, and implement reforms.

As Arizona approaches its centennial celebration, we deeply respect the courageous entrepreneurial spirit that built the first 100 years of our history and are determined to preserve that spirit as we boldly march forward to define our next 100 years. This future will rest on the success of our young people, and the success of our young people rests on the actions that we are taking now to transform our education system. The transformation of Arizona's education system will lead to a future where all Arizona students have the preparation to succeed in college, in careers, and in life. We are building on our innovative, entrepreneurial history of education reform, focusing on the one strategy we have learned is the most important to improving student learning – ensuring that all students benefit from effective instruction, year after year, in every grade, in every course, in every school, and in every area across the state. We are drawing on our courageous spirit to realize this strategy, aided by strong leadership and true partnerships among the State of Arizona, district and school leaders, teachers, the business community, communities, parents, and students.

As a state elementary district, our goal is to ensure that all students enter high school and graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in their postsecondary education and career.

The State has selected several student performance indicators to measure the state's progress toward meeting its goal through the implementation of its Race to the Top reform plan, along with ambitious but achievable targets for student performance in these indicators by 2020. Due to Race to the Top, Arizona will be able to exceed many targets already selected, and expects that in 2014 it will be well on its way to meeting these higher targets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Richards".

Ron Richards
Superintendent