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

Dear Governor Brewer,

As the La Paz County School Superintendent, I am very supportive of the educational system reform plan proposed in Arizona's Race to the Top Grant application. In fact, it is a plan that must be embraced at all levels so our students have the skills, knowledge, and abilities essential for career and college success. The future of Arizona depends on it!

La Paz County is very rural with large geographic diversity, extremely small districts, low socio-economic challenges, and few resources. I am pleased to see grant support for equitable distribution of resources for our students and teachers throughout the state. This statewide plan provides a blueprint for change that is data driven, addresses equity, and implements a strong transition plan – all are necessary to the educational reformation.

I see the potential for my office to provide services, assistance, and support to our districts in cooperation with the State. Our office is uniquely capable of reaching out and working in partnership with our local schools and communities to bring about the educational reform and improvements specified in the application. All aspects of the reform plan must be addressed to achieve success.

My office supports the Arizona Race to the Top application and will endeavor to do all we can to develop the high quality education system needed so our students are career and college ready citizens.

Very sincerely,

Janice Shelton
La Paz County School Superintendent