

May 13, 2010

The Honorable Jan Brewer Governor of Arizona 1700 W. Washington St Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer,

The Arizona School Administrators, Inc., representing school district superintendents, principals, and staff providing educational services at the district level and in our institutions of higher education, extends its appreciation and its support to you as you submit an application for the second phase of the Race to the Top funding. The overall goals of the RTTT funding and specifically those addressed in our State's application reflect actions that will ensure that our students graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in their post secondary experiences.

The Arizona School Administrators, Inc. stands ready to assist you and others in the implementation of the Race to the Top strategies. Our organization can contribute by providing a communication link to personnel in the 226 school districts and 15 counties in our State. We conduct annual statewide and regional professional development conferences, seminars and workshops in which important training or key information can be provided. ASA provides Qualified Evaluator Training which will be revised to reflect the expectations of the performance based evaluation systems. The Arizona School Administrators, inc. will be a partner to your office and to other government, philanthropic or private organizations involved in promoting a quality educational experience for our State's students.

Our State has many strengths upon which to build, the least of which is an educational community eager to take the necessary steps to improve the Achievement of Arizona's students.

Sincerely,

Roger Short, Ed.D. Executive Director