



GREATER PHOENIX EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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The Honorable Janice K. Brewer
Governor of Arizona
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer:

On behalf of the Greater Phoenix Educational Management Council (GPEMC) a consortium of thirty-four Maricopa County school districts, I would like to submit a Letter of Support for the Round 2 application for the Race to the Top dollars.

GPEMC and its Member Districts are willing and ready to work in collaboration with the State of Arizona to meet and exceed the plans and goals to improve student academic achievement for our Arizona students. We believe all students can succeed! We believe education is an investment in our children's future and represent students in need of a quality education; students preparing for higher education; students preparing for the workforce; and students preparing for life experiences and lifelong learning.

The Arizona's Race to the Top application (Arizona Plan) addresses the four assurance areas directed at the education reform process that leads to enhanced student success: (1) standards and assessment, (2) data systems to support instruction, (3) great teachers and leaders, and (4) turning around the lowest-achieving schools.

As we work together in this endeavor we want to commit our resources, time and efforts to ensuring the Arizona goals are both attainable and realistic. GPEMC has a long history of collaboration with federal, state and local government entities including, but not limited to the Arizona Department of Education, the Governor's Office, the legislature, and the business community to implement cost-effective programs that make a difference for student academic success.

Please include the Greater Phoenix Educational Management Council as a major support Organization to accomplish the goals and exceed the expectations for our students. We look forward to the challenge!

Sincerely,

Dianne Smith
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