



Kiwanis Club of Sunnyslope

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

Dear Governor Brewer:

The Sunnyslope Kiwanis organization has partnered with the Washington Elementary School District for several years, serving the district with many valuable programs that directly benefit the students. One of the most significant and successful programs the Kiwanis organization provides is the dictionary distribution program. These dictionaries are distributed annually to all third graders, with each student's name written on the inside cover; over 3,200 dictionaries have been distributed in the 2009-2010 school year. Over 15,000 have been distributed year-to-date.

Our members love spending time with children in their classrooms and admire the work of educators who make a huge commitment to the future of students and Arizona.

The Race to the Top reform plan speaks to Arizona's future – to a future in which every child benefits from effective instruction, year after year, grade after grade, in every course, in every school across the state. The entrepreneurial spirit that founded our great state is the same spirit that will make these goals a reality for our students and our education system.

The Arizona plan is based on accountability: standards and assessments, data systems, great teachers and leaders and turning around low-achieving schools. All of these accountabilities must work in tandem to ensure that all students graduate from high school with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in their postsecondary education and in their future careers.

I support Arizona's Race to the Top application and am confident that by working together (education, business, community, parents and students), we can achieve great things for our children.

Sincerely,

Brian Vance

President, Sunnyslope Kiwanis