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Governor Brewer Establishes “Governor’s P-20 Coordinating Council of Arizona”

PHOENIX – Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today issued an executive order establishing the “Governor’s P-20 Coordinating Council of Arizona.” Citing the need to maximize the effectiveness of our educational systems at all levels, Governor Brewer has charged the Council with devising and articulating ways to achieve a more streamlined system of education while improving academic achievement.

“We are all too familiar with the statistics regarding educational achievement in Arizona, but the days of excuses must come to an end,” stated Governor Brewer. “Our entire educational continuum must have a forum where they can coordinate policies and discuss the future.”

The Council will provide a statewide forum that will, in turn, provide recommendations to the Governor on specific education reforms outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). In Arizona’s State Fiscal Stabilization Fund application, the Governor offered assurances to make progress on four key education reforms: improving the distribution of qualified teachers; establishing a longitudinal data system; enhancing academic standards and assessments and supporting the state’s struggling schools. The Governor’s P-20 Coordinating Council will serve as the vehicle for these reforms.

Furthermore, in April of this year, Governor Brewer called upon Arizona’s Board of Regents to produce new reform models that would increase affordability, accountability and predictability. In June, the Governor issued an Executive Order re-instituting the Arizona Community College Council to further higher education reform.

“The need to maximize efficiency in our educational system has never been greater as we approach the 2011 funding cliff,” stated Governor Brewer. “However, given our employment and economic crisis, never have the needs for an educated workforce been greater.”

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