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May 18, 2020

The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Re: Arizona Department of Education/US Department of Education Comprehensive Literacy State Development grants program

Dear Secretary DeVos,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) for \$20,000,000 in funds under the FY 2020 Comprehensive Literacy State Development Program (CLSD) discretionary grants program. The proposal would fund the implementation of research-based literacy programs throughout Arizona.

This proposal would build upon existing collaborations created throughout Arizona by state funding and public/private partnerships that promote early literacy, particularly the K-3 interventions. One of the most notable partnerships is Read On Arizona, which I am proud to say has been recognized for the Pacesetter Award by the Campaign for Grade Level Reading the past several years.

Arizona has high concentrations of children needing literacy support throughout the state including children living in poverty, underserved Latino and Tribal populations, English language learners, and children with special needs. ADE is positioned to effectively implement this grant through their existing collaborations, state-funded literacy interventions, and successful efforts like Read On Arizona to improve educational outcomes for Arizona's children.

I appreciate your review of this grant proposal for Arizona's schools. I ask that you give this request full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



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