World-Class Education for All: The Importance of Partnerships

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(Statewide 501c(3) non-partisan education advocacy organization)

-Movement comprised of parents, voters, educators, business & community leaders

-Raise public awareness, engage parents and voters, and convene partners to take collaborative action on key education issues
We’re Making Progress

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Where We Stand Today

- **23%**: Arizona students do not graduate on time
- **53%**: Arizona graduates do not qualify for admission into state universities
- **59%**: Arizona students that enroll in remedial classes in community colleges
- **42%**: Employers that report their new hires are deficient in basic skills
Educators have had to do more with less

- Per pupil K-12 funding has been cut 17%
- Funding for all-day K was eliminated
- Higher Ed funding cut dramatically
- More and more districts relying on bonds & overrides, and many of those ballot measures failed in recent years
Why Does this Matter?
The World is Changing...

Technology changes rapidly. More computing power in my iPhone than NASA had when they put a man on the moon.

We are preparing students today for jobs that do not exist.

Students are competing for jobs with kids from around the world.
Arizona is Changing...

- 88% of High Growth, High Wage Jobs in Arizona Require Postsecondary Education

- A high school diploma is no longer enough
- All students need to be prepared for college, career and life
More Education = A Stronger Economy

The more than 18,000 Arizona students who dropped out of high school this year will produce $7.6 billion less over their lifetimes than if those same students had graduated.
Partnerships Are Critical to Success!
World-Class Education starts with a Shared Vision

Every Arizona child, regardless of background, income, or zip code, is able to:

🔮 Access high-quality early learning that prepares him/her for Kindergarten

🔮 Read proficiently by the 3rd grade

🔮 Graduate from high school ready for college or career

🔮 Attain a college degree and/or certificate or industry credential
Arizona Public Engagement Task Force

 대하여 50+ partners across business, philanthropy, education, community

Focus: Increasing awareness and support for Arizona’s College and Career Ready Standards and high quality, aligned assessment
Arizona’s College & Career Ready Standards

- More rigorous academic standards in English and math in grades K-12
- Benchmark against countries and states with top-notch education programs
- Encourages more analysis and deeper understanding of concepts
- Fosters critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills needed for 21st century
Arizona children deserve high-quality standards and a test that prepare them to succeed. It's time to Aim Higher!

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All high school graduates are not equally prepared for college or career. It's time we set higher expectations for what our students learn in school so that they are ready to succeed in life. This is why schools across the state have implemented Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards in English and math and are replacing an outdated AIMS test, which set the bar too low.

It will take all of us to ensure that education is a top priority in Arizona. Learn more about how you can help every child get the education they deserve.
This year we worked together to accomplish...

- **5,000 Sign Ups and Shares**
- **Over 120 earned media** placements
- **Nearly 2,000 Postcards and Emails** Sent to Legislature
- **Feb. 20 Senate Education Hearing:**
  - **170+ attendees** in support of the standards and assessment
  - **190 comments** in the Request to Speak system
- **All anti-common core bills were defeated or stalled**
Flagstaff STEM City
Everyone Benefits!

Schools:
- More community support for STEM curriculum needs
- More STEM-Business support into the schools

Businesses:
- Higher-educated, locally grown work force
- More innovation in the workplace

The Community:
- Better jobs to prevent brain drain
- Greater tax base to support community needs
Get Involved

🎓 Sign Up Today
  • ExpectMoreArizona.org
  • Arizona Aims Higher

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Together, We Can Expect More and Achieve More for Arizona Students
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