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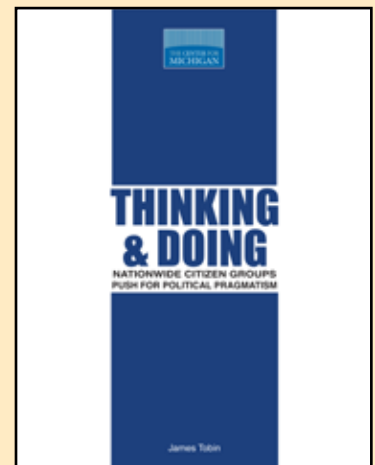
### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September 24: Beat the Odds School Partners Meeting

First- and second-year participants will meet for a training and work session focusing on assessment/data analysis and “built to suit” instruction.

■ **Center leaders are continuing their consultations with Arizona community leaders and officers of the Gallup Organization as they develop an Arizona version of the Gallup World Poll.** The purpose of this project is to build a citizens' agenda that reflects what Arizonans are thinking and identifies a set of clear, measurable goals that describe “the Arizona we want” in authentic language that is meaningful to citizens.

■ **The Center for the Future of Arizona is one of seven organizations profiled in the new report “Thinking & Doing: Nationwide Citizen Groups Push for Political Pragmatism.”** The report by The Center for Michigan finds that more than a dozen nonpartisan think-and-do tanks have sprung up to fill the void between polarized political parties and clashing interest groups. The organizations combine research by public-policy experts with pragmatic, fact-based problem-solving that serves the public interest and common good. Read more at [www.arizonafuture.org](http://www.arizonafuture.org).



■ **Schools must be highly organized and systematic in their efforts to improve instruction and student achievement if they are to be successful.** In an online interview, Beat the Odds Director Marjorie Kaplan discusses how educators can attain higher levels of student achievement despite increasingly diverse student populations. Read more at [www.beattheoddsinstitute.org](http://www.beattheoddsinstitute.org).

■ **Arizona is participating in a collaborative effort to help states close the sizeable gap between state academic requirements to earn a high school diploma and what students need to know for workplace and postsecondary success.** To date, the American Diploma Project (ADP) Network of Achieve has established a common core of rigorous proficiencies in English and math. The new Achieve report “Out of Many, One” presents an analysis of the college- and career-ready standards for English in 12 states and for mathematics in 16 states. The report is available at [www.achieve.org/commoncore](http://www.achieve.org/commoncore).