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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5: Beat the Odds Parents as Partners Meeting

First training session of school liaisons engaged in increasing parental involvement in schools with low-income, predominantly minority student populations.

December 8: P-20 Council Committee Meeting

Dr. Sybil Francis will chair the meeting of the P-20 Data and Graduation Rate Committee.

■ **Nine metro Phoenix-area schools have reached the first milestone on the road to becoming a “Beat the Odds School”** — one in which student academic achievement exceeds expectations. Schools attaining the designation of Bronze-level Beat the Odds School Partner, the highest possible level of achievement in the first year of the program, include:



Paseo Hills School (Deer Valley Unified School District, Phoenix), Harris Elementary School (Gilbert Unified School District), Mitchell School (Isaac School District, Phoenix), George Smith Junior High School (Mesa Public Schools), Emerson Elementary School and Kenilworth Elementary School (Phoenix Elementary School District), Desert View Elementary School and Washington Elementary School (Washington Elementary School District, Phoenix) and Gililand Middle School (Tempe Elementary School District). For more information, visit www.beattheoddsinstitute.org.

■ **The Governor’s P-20 Council considered next steps in moving the Arizona educational agenda forward at its second all-day retreat on November 13.** The council focused on setting goals across the entire educational spectrum from pre-school through college, the development of indicators of success for those goals and how to measure them. The Center for the Future of Arizona’s previously adopted goal for increasing high school graduation rates was amended to reflect new information. The new goal is to raise the statewide high school graduation rate to 86 percent by 2020, an increase of 16 percentage points from 2006 (the most current data available).

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