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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1: Beat the Odds Superintendents Breakfast (Phoenix)

June 1: ABEC Annual Meeting and Conference (East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa)

Arizona Business & Education Coalition full-day conference focusing on what it will take to have a world-class education system in Arizona.

■ **How do Arizona teachers meet individual students' academic needs when their students' reading proficiency in one grade ranges from college level to not knowing the sounds of individual letters?** Phoenix' Montebello School (Alhambra School District) found the answer lies in practicing several principles that are part of the Beat the Odds framework. Read more at www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org.



■ **Marc Tucker recently participated in a meeting with Arizona's AIMS Task Force and Achieve's leadership to discuss the issue of student assessments.**

Tucker is president and CEO of the National Center on Education and the Economy, and vice chair and staff director of the *New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce*. He authored the commission's report "Tough Choices or Tough Times," which was released in December 2006. Center Executive Director Sybil Francis is leading Arizona's "Tough Choices" private-sector education stakeholder group and is a member of Achieve's Arizona College and Career-Ready Policy Institute. Achieve is a bipartisan, nonprofit organization that helps states raise academic standards, improve assessments and strengthen accountability to prepare all young people for postsecondary success.

■ **Expect More Arizona is a new public-private partnership that was established to create a movement of Arizonans who value education as the top priority in our state and who are actively engaged in strengthening the entire continuum – from birth to career.** The multi-audience public awareness and outreach effort is an outgrowth of the Governor's P-20 Council Communications Committee. For more information, visit www.ExpectMoreArizona.org.