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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **August 26: Beat the Odds Orientation and Introduction**

Overview for principals who are joining the Beat the Odds School Partners Program.

#### **August 26: Beat the Odds School Partners Meeting**

Arizona school principals will meet for a training and work session focusing on time management, team building and creating a clear bottom line.

■ **Eighty-five K-12 schools in Maricopa County, metro Tucson and Whiteriver will partner with the Beat the Odds Institute in the coming school year—an increase of 26 schools from the previous school year.** Principals participating in the Beat the Odds School Partners Program learn how to apply research findings that result in better than anticipated student academic achievement to their own campuses. Additional schools will be accepted into the program through the end of September. Contact Beat the Odds Institute Director Marjorie Kaplan at (602) 496-1360 or Marjorie.Kaplan@asu.edu for more information.

■ **Jack Pfister, a member of the Center for the Future of Arizona's board of directors since 2002, passed away on July 20th.** Jack played an active and important role in advancing the center's public policy and education reform initiatives. We will miss his leadership, wise counsel and warm smile.



Jack Pfister



■ **The Center for the Future of Arizona has published an overview of the challenges faced by Arizona students in progressing through the education system as it is now structured.** The original research, which was supported by Helios Education Foundation, makes the case for a pathways approach. "Developing Pathways to Postsecondary Success" is available online at [www.arizonafuture.org](http://www.arizonafuture.org).

■ **Work is continuing to progress on Arizona's "Tough Choices or Tough Times" Initiative.** The consortium is in the process of forming technical teams that will develop the core elements of the state's pilot projects. The Center for the Future of Arizona, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), the Arizona Education Association (AEA), and the National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) have partnered to put pilot projects in place that incorporate elements of the world's most successful education systems. Center Executive Director Sybil Francis is leading the group of private education stakeholders who are participating in the Arizona "Tough Choices" consortium.