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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2: Beat the Odds School Partners Meeting (Tucson)

Topics include built to suit, quality first instruction and classroom walkthroughs.

December 8: Beat the Odds Training (Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community)

Topics include data-driven goals and student responsibility.

December 14: Board Examination System Symposium Series

Edexcel presentation hosted by CFA.

■ ***The Arizona We Want* citizens' agenda and the Gallup Arizona Poll findings continue to draw interest and positive public response around the state.** Since the early October release of *The Arizona We Want* report, CFA Chairman and CEO Lattie Coor has made numerous presentations to leadership organizations including Greater Phoenix Leadership, the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, the Arizona Community Foundation, and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. More than a dozen newspaper articles, plus numerous radio and television talk shows, have featured key elements of the report. In addition, nearly 2,000 people have taken the poll online at CFA's new Web site and compared their responses with statewide citizen responses. To take the online poll, visit www.TheArizonaWeWant.org. For printed copies of *The Arizona We Want* report, call (602) 496-1360.

■ **CFA recently met with 60 education, business and community leaders to solicit input regarding the design and development of health and biotech education pathways between high school and postsecondary education.** In addition, advisory, alignment (curriculum) and demonstration site teams have been formed to advance the pathways initiative. Partners include Arizona State University, Maricopa Community College District and Phoenix Union High School District.



■ **CFA Executive Director Sybil Francis recently proposed that Arizona adopt board examination systems as a powerful option to dramatically improve student academic performance.** The recommendation was made at a November presentation to the Task Force on Standards and Assessments of the P-20 Coordinating Council. CFA has identified a number of Arizona school districts that are interested in participating in a demonstration of board examination systems that would hold students to national and international standards. Options include Edexcel, ACT Quality Core and Cambridge International Examinations.

■ **Classroom visits by school principals can provide crucial information to drive student achievement.** Holdeman Elementary School Principal Wendy Reeck (Tempe School District) recently shared her experiences at a Beat the Odds School Partners Program training session. She is one of 39 metro Phoenix-area principals who in October received a Beat the Odds Award for school improvement. To learn more about her school's success, visit www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org.