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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### *The Arizona We Want: Town Meetings*

- June 8: Peoria
- June 14: Flagstaff
- June 17: Mesa (Tentative date)
- June 21: Tucson
- June 22: Sierra Vista

**May 5: National Reading Technical Assistance Center Conference (Phoenix)**  
Beat the Odds presentation by BTO Director Marjorie Kaplan and mentors.

**May 7: Move on When Ready and Board Examination System Summit (Tempe)**

**May 7: Beat the Odds Superintendents Breakfast (Phoenix)**  
Meeting of new, prospective and current program participants.

#### **Beat the Odds: Year-End Celebrations**

- May 5: Metro Phoenix School Partners
- May 7: Parents as Partners Program
- May 12: Metro Tucson School Partners
- May 18: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Partners
- May 26: Mentors

■ **The Center for the Future of Arizona in June will co-host town meetings in Flagstaff, Mesa, Peoria, Tucson and Sierra Vista.** According to CFA Chairman and CEO Lattie Coor, the principal purpose of the forums is to capture the questions that citizens want candidates for elected office to address in their fall election campaigns. The meetings' discussion will draw from *The Arizona We Want* report, which outlines a broad citizens' agenda based upon the findings of the Gallup Arizona Poll commissioned by CFA. Additional information is available at [www.TheArizonaWeWant.org](http://www.TheArizonaWeWant.org).

■ **The Move on When Ready Bill (HB 2731) was approved by the Senate and received final concurrence in the House on April 28, clearing the way for the Governor's signature.** It provides Arizona high school students the opportunity to perform at national and internationally benchmarked academic standards and to move on to full-time college, or career and technical study, when they demonstrate they are capable of performing at this level. CFA, under the leadership of Executive Director Sybil Francis, played a major role in bringing the idea of "move on when ready" and the related board examination systems to Arizona. CFA is hosting a "Move on When Ready and Board Examination System" Summit from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 7 at the Fiesta Resort Conference Center in Tempe.

■ **Low-income, high-minority schools that perform better than expected often have a strong and steady principal at the helm.** At Estes Elementary School in the Marana Unified School District, Principal Nancy Paddock focuses on continuous improvement of student learning, creatively maximizing resources and honoring teacher input. She is one of 84 principals participating in the Beat the Odds program this school year. Visit [www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org](http://www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org) to learn more.

■ **The Arizona We Want Website's capacity has been increased, easily allowing businesses and organization members to take the Gallup Arizona Poll online and receive customized reports of their group's responses.** Participation by a minimum of 25 members is required to generate a customized report. More than 50 groups have participated to date. For additional information, call the Center for the Future of Arizona at (602) 496-1360 or visit [www.TheArizonaWeWant.org](http://www.TheArizonaWeWant.org).