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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **June 17-18: Beat the Odds Leadership Seminar (Phoenix)**

Orientation and training seminar for principals of schools joining the Beat the Odds School Partners Program.

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

- June 8: Peoria
- June 14: Flagstaff
- June 17: Mesa
- June 21: Tucson
- June 22: Sierra Vista

■ **The Center for the Future of Arizona, in partnership with local community organizations in five cities, is co-hosting a series of June town meetings focusing on *The Arizona We Want* citizens' agenda.**

Drawing on the goals contained in *The Arizona We Want* report, the town meetings are designed to capture the questions that citizens want candidates for elected office to address in their fall election campaigns. The questions posed by citizens in the five communities - Flagstaff, Mesa, Peoria, Tucson and Sierra Vista - will be folded into a consolidated report to be made available to all candidates, the media and all others interested in the 2010 election. For more information or to take the online Gallup Arizona Poll, visit [www.TheArizonaWeWant.org](http://www.TheArizonaWeWant.org).



■ **The Move on When Ready Bill (HB 2731) has been signed into law, marking a major breakthrough in Arizona education reform.** High school students who perform at national and internationally benchmarked academic standards will have the option of graduating early and moving on to full-time community college or career and technical study, or remaining in high school and taking the necessary coursework to prepare for university entry. CFA hosted a day-long summit May 7, which kicked off a year of planning. More than 130 representatives from preK-12, community colleges, universities, career and technical education, business, philanthropy, and elected officials attended. For more information, visit [www.ArizonaFuture.org](http://www.ArizonaFuture.org).

■ **Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne has signed an agreement making Arizona a member of the National Commission on Education and the Economy (NCEE) Consortium of States working to develop common assessments aligned with college-ready standards.** This puts Arizona in the forefront of education reform nationally, and better positions the state to win Race to the Top funding. CFA serves as the state's liaison with NCEE.

■ **Involving parents as partners in student academic achievement is a challenge for schools with large populations of low-income, minority and English language learner students.** It also can be especially fruitful, as evidenced by Echo Mountain Primary (Paradise Valley Unified School District). It is one of 84 schools that participated in the Beat the Odds program during the 2009-2010 academic year. Learn more at [www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org](http://www.BeatTheOddsInstitute.org).