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Dear Chairman Lynn,

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On behalf of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council, I would like to request your consideration and approval of the addition of T.E.A.C.H. Arizona Early Childhood and Professional Career Pathways Project to the current State Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan.

The White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council has identified a need within the early care and education community within the region to support early care and education staff towards the completion of the Child Development Associate Credential, as well as towards the completion of two year Associates Degrees.

Your review and consideration of the following two changes to the State Fiscal Year 2012 Funding Plan would be appreciated:

### Change One

The addition of the T.E.A.C.H. Arizona Early Childhood strategy with an allotment of \$14,000 and a target service unit of 7. These funds will come from State Fiscal Year 2012 unallotted funds.

### Change Two

The addition of the Professional Career Pathway Project strategy with an allotment of \$15,400 and a target service unit of 7. These funds will come from State Fiscal Year 2012 unallotted funds.

The White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council believes that the inclusion of these two professional development scholarship models will improve the quality of the early care and education programs available within the region by supporting staff to increase their professional knowledge.

Sincerely,

Laurel Endfield

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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council |