

AGENDA ITEM: Regional Director's Report

BACKGROUND: Monthly Directors Report provides the Regional Director an opportunity to inform the Regional Council on current and upcoming activities happening within the region and throughout the State.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director provides this as informational purposes only.



# October 2013 Director's Report Cochise Regional Partnership Council

## General Updates

### 2014 Need & Assets Report

- Donelson Consulting, LLC continues their work on our 2014 Needs Assets Report.
- They're next contract deliverable, which is their monthly status report is due this month.

### Discretionary Funding Committee

- The Discretionary Funding Committee had its first meeting and Cochise is represented by Reverend Shawn Buchanan.
- The vast majority if the committee members recommend that there not be any changes to the formula in the near future.

### KDI Update

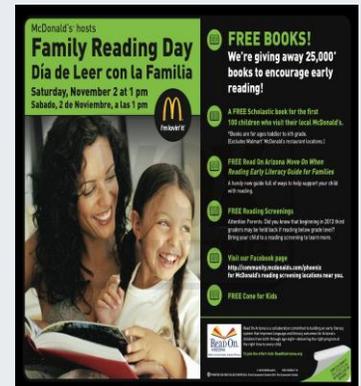
- Progress continues toward developing and implementing an Arizona Kindergarten Developmental Inventory (KDI) tool.
- The Task Force convened by the Piper Charitable Trust completed their work in July, and a report of that work is in the works.
- The U.S. Department of Education has awarded more than \$15.1 million in Enhanced Assessment Grants (EAGs) to three state education agencies—North Carolina, Maryland and Texas—to develop or enhance their Kindergarten Entry Assessments.
- North Carolina's award amounts to more than \$6.1 million.
- Arizona is part of the 11-state consortium led by North Carolina.
- In addition to Arizona, other states in the NC consortium include Delaware, Iowa, Maine, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington DC and South Carolina as a collaborating state.

### Race to the Top Application Update

- The latest round of the federal Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grant was released several weeks ago.
- Arizona is eligible for up to \$52.5 million over four years (about \$20 million less than in 2011).
- The governor designated First Things First as the lead agency for the 2011 grant. As such, we have taken the lead in coordinating the conversations and work for a possible 2013 Arizona application.
- Of course, the final call on whether or not we apply in 2013 rests with the governor's office.

## In The News

## Family Reading Day!



When Arizona Reads, Arizona Thrives

*Date: Saturday, November 2nd*

*Time: 1 pm*

*Where:*

- Benson – Hwy 90
- Douglas – 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- Sierra Vista:  
Fry Blvd and Hwy 92
- Willcox – Rex Allen Dr.