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Dear Arizona superintendents, principals, counselors, educators and community partners:

We want to extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support of Arizona's high school seniors as they prepare for their next steps after graduation. Because of your tireless commitment and the work of your teams, nearly 30,000 Arizona high school seniors have already completed their 2025-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a remarkable achievement that speaks to the impact of your work.

Thanks to your efforts, Arizona's FAFSA completion rate has reached 26.3%, putting us more than halfway to our statewide goal of 40%. Even more inspiring, Arizona is now ranked as the second-highest state in year-over-year growth for FAFSA completion, an exceptional reversal from where we were one year ago when our completion rate hovered at 18% in April 2024. This incredible turnaround is a testament to your dedication and belief in the power of education to transform lives.

Completing the FAFSA is more than just paperwork; it's the first step toward opportunity. It unlocks access to scholarships, work-study opportunities, Federal Pell Grants, and the Arizona Promise Program, which covers tuition and fees for qualifying Arizona students. Your efforts are helping to break financial barriers and create pathways for students to achieve their educational dreams.

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, we are asking you, our education champions, to keep up the momentum. With your continued commitment, we can open doors for thousands more students, equipping them with the skills and opportunities they need for a brighter future.

To achieve our statewide goal, there are a number of ways that you can take action, including:

- **Host a FAFSA workshop** to guide students and families through the application process.
- **Integrate FAFSA completion activities** into the school day, if feasible, to maximize participation.

- **Partner with local organizations**, including college resource centers, nonprofits and postsecondary institutions for additional support.
- **Share critical FAFSA resources** with your students and families to ensure they have the information they need.

In addition, Arizona offers numerous resources to aid your students and their families in completing the FAFSA, including:

- **Virtual FAFSA appointments** – Expert assistance is available Monday-Saturday to assist students and families one-to-one with the FAFSA.
- **Statewide FAFSA workshops** – Arizona has a number of FAFSA workshops scheduled throughout the state that provide support.
- **Arizona College Connect** – This tool allows you to track your school’s FAFSA progress and set goals.
- **FAFSA Hotline** – Expert assistance is available at 1-833-293-2372 via the Arizona FAFSA Hotline from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- **College Access Centers** –College access centers throughout the state offer in-person events and programs to support students and families.

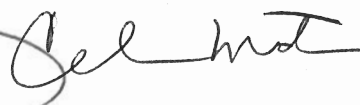
Please visit CollegeReadyAZ.com for more resources, guidance and a calendar of FAFSA events and tools that can help them prepare for postsecondary education.

Your partnership is essential in shaping the future of Arizona’s students, and we are deeply grateful for your passion, leadership and unwavering commitment. Let’s finish this year strong and continue making a difference for our students and the future of Arizona.

Sincerely,



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