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**Arizona Department of Education Celebrates School Choice Week**  
*Superintendent Huppenthal to Speak at Press Conference with Governor*

**Phoenix, AZ, January 24, 2011**—Today, Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal announced that the Arizona Department of Education will kick-off its celebration of National School Choice Week with a joint press conference with Governor Jan Brewer. The ceremony will take place at 3:30 PM in the 2nd floor conference room in the Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower.

“For my past 18 years in the Arizona legislature, increasing the quality of education in our state and expanding school choices for parents have been my top priorities,” stated Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal.

“All children, regardless of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status and gender deserve access to an excellent education. The school choice movement in Arizona has opened the doors of opportunity for so many students, particularly underserved populations in struggling public school districts. For the next four years, not only will I keep those doors open, I plan on widening them while increasing the quality of our public education system.”

As a state legislator, Superintendent Huppenthal was one of Arizona’s top leaders of Arizona’s school choice movement: sponsoring and passing legislation that expanded the number of charter schools in Arizona (which lead to Arizona’s ranking as number one in school choice for charter schools); leading the way to help pass Arizona’s Tuition Tax Credit Law and ensuring open enrollment opportunities for all students – allowing parents to enroll their children in excelling public schools outside of their neighborhoods.

As Superintendent of Public Instruction, Huppenthal is committed to protecting and expanding school choice initiatives while implementing robust reforms that increase the quality of our public education system throughout Arizona.

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