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**State Superintendent Calls for Participation in Statewide Penny Drive:**  
*Schools and Students Would Join Initiative to Collect Donations for the Cleaning of  
the Capitol's Copper Dome While Students Participate in Historic Arizona Event*

**Phoenix, AZ, February 15, 2011**—Today, Superintendent of Public Instruction Huppenthal called upon schools, parents and kindergarten through grade-eight students to participate in a penny drive that raises funds for the cleaning of the state capitol's copper dome - in preparation for Arizona's centennial one year from yesterday. Schools can sign up to participate in the penny drive at [www.arizona100.org](http://www.arizona100.org). This statewide call to action follows Superintendent Huppenthal's celebration of Arizona's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday with Governor Brewer, and many other local leaders from across the state, yesterday.

"The centennial penny drive project is a unique opportunity for students to participate in social stewardship while learning about Arizona's storied past," said Superintendent Huppenthal. "It is important for students of all backgrounds to connect to Arizona, to be a part of Arizona's living legacy. Raising pennies to help clean the capitol's copper dome does just that. The penny drive unites students from across Arizona to participate in a common cause, a project that will leave Arizona better than they found it."

This is not Arizona's first use of a penny drive to raise funds to improve an Arizona landmark. Arizona's inaugural penny drive kicked off in 1916, and called upon students and families to help pay for the silverwork on the U.S.S. Arizona in preparation for its historic launch. The state's famous battleship was sunk at Pearl Harbor by the Japanese air fleet on December 7, 1941.

In addition to signing up to participate in the penny drive at [www.arizona100.org](http://www.arizona100.org), schools can find out about other exciting opportunities for their students to participate in the year-long celebration leading up to Arizona's centennial on February 14, 2012.

For schools participating in the penny drive, each student is being asked to bring in pennies in groups of 100. The school that collects the most pennies will win the grand prize: a visit from Arizona's beautifully copper-plated motorcycle (the "copper chopper") and a pizza party for the entire school, hosted by Eddie Basha of Bashas' Family of Stores. Dozens of other prizes will also be awarded, such as visits to a historic copper mine and ice cream socials.

To learn more about Arizona's centennial project and the penny drive or to sign your school up to participate in this exciting Arizona centennial event, please contact Arizona Office of Tourism Projects Manager of the Arizona Centennial 2012 Foundation Maryfrances Krumwiede by phone at 602.364.3689 or via e-mail at [mkrumwiede@arizona100.org](mailto:mkrumwiede@arizona100.org).

Attached is a copy of a press release sent out by the Arizona Centennial 2012 Foundation.

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