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Statement of Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal on the Passage of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget

Phoenix, AZ, April 1, 2011– Today, Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal released the following statement on the Legislature’s passage of the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget:

“I applaud the cooperation between the Arizona legislators and the governor in reaching a compromise on the budget during this troubled economy. Times are tough for families all across Arizona, and the legislature and governor were faced with hard decisions on how to balance the budget.

While there are cuts to public education, I am fully aware that the cuts could have been much deeper if not for the determination of Governor Brewer and legislative leaders to minimize the impact on K-12 funding. They understand, as I do, that a strong public school system is vital to our children’s future success and the future economic well-being of our state and our country.

While the state’s resources have gone down, the needs of our children have not.

More than ever, we must continue to find innovative ways to do more with less. The challenge of shrinking budgets provides an opportunity for the entire educational system to find better and more efficient ways to educate our children. My staff at the Arizona Department of Education remains as vigilant and committed as ever to provide Arizona’s public education system with the support and services it needs to ensure every student has access to an excellent education.”

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