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**Superintendent of Public Instruction To Work through Legislative, Judicial  
Branches to Remedy Board of Education Issue**

(Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 17, 2015) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas today said she will work through legislative and judicial channels to confirm the proper oversight of individuals working for the Arizona State Board of Education.

The superintendent said she sees no reason to escalate the current situation by excluding people from access to the Department of Education building even though the action of the Board of Education was clearly outside of its authority.

“My focus is on Arizona’s children and providing them with the highest quality education available,” she said. “Our resources are best spent supporting our children, teachers and classroom instruction.”

The Superintendent said she would like to resolve this issue as quickly as possible so it is no longer a distraction.

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