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**Statement from Superintendent of Public Instruction,
John Huppenthal on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

(Phoenix, Ariz. – January 21, 2013) “Today, as we commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we can take from his accomplishments many lessons that are vital to maintaining a flourishing education community.

Dr. King once wisely said, ‘Put yourself in a state of mind where you say to yourself, ‘Here is an opportunity for me to celebrate like never before, my own power, my own ability to get myself to do whatever is necessary.’

In taking a moment to reflect on those words, we give ourselves the same opportunity that Dr. King spoke of so many years ago. We celebrate the power we have to positively impact the lives of millions of Arizona students. We celebrate our ability to do all we can to inspire young minds and prepare the next generation of Arizonans for success.

Today, let us remember and honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and all he represents as we work together to deliver an excellent education to every student across our great state.”

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