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TO: Mr. Timothy S. Bee
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DATE: June 16, 2008

RE: **A.R.S. 15-232 Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature from
Adult Education Services: January 1, 2008 – May 31, 2008)**

The following procedures have been developed for use by the Arizona Department of Education in order to conform to the Proposition 300 amendment to ARS 15-232.

- All students are required to provide verification of their citizenship or legal resident status for purposes of determining eligibility to participate in ADE-funded adult education classes.
- Each ADE-funded adult education program is required to maintain an auditable record of the verification process, to include: the document title, issuing authority, document number, expiration date (if any), the date the document was reviewed, the name of the program employee who reviewed the document, and the name of the student who submitted the document.
- Students who fail to provide verification of eligibility **prior to enrollment** cannot enroll in ADE-funded adult education classes.

During FY 2008, the ADE conducted on-site monitoring of local program eligibility records and found 100% of ADE-funded programs in compliance with the Proposition 300 amendment to ARS 15-232.

Of the 16,373 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the reporting period, 771 people (4.7% percent) were denied instruction because they failed to provide acceptable evidence of citizenship or legal residence in the United States. The following table provides, by county and state totals, the number of people (1) waiting for classes, (2) who applied for classes, and (3) who were denied enrollment during the reporting period.

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County	Waitlist Total: on 5/31/08	Waitlist ABE/ASE* on 5/31/08	Waitlist ELAA** on 5/31/08	ARS 15-232 Applicants: 1/01/08- 5/31/08	ARS 15-232 Service Denials 01/01/08- 5/31/08
Apache	0	0	0	119	6
Cochise	285	183	102	185	4
Coconino	12	12	0	286	8
Gila	16	0	16	65	3
LaPaz	0	0	0	8	0
Maricopa	3466	2036	1430	8048	380
Mohave	0	0	0	934	142
Navajo	24	24	0	158	8
Pima	1063	565	498	4425	128
Pinal	48	45	3	570	5
Santa Cruz	514	185	329	399	65
Yavapai	203	176	27	286	12
Yuma	419	121	298	890	10
Totals:	6050	3347	2703	16373	771

*No ADE-funded service provider in Graham or Greenlee counties.

Comparison of Waitlist: 2006 to 2008

<u>Month</u>	<u>ABE/ASE</u>	<u>ELAA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
June, 2006	1825	4789	6614
January, 2007	2293	4512	6805
June, 2007	2342	4382	6724
December, 2007	3151	2434	5585
June, 2008	3347	2703	6050

*ABE/ASE: ABE: Adult Basic Education (Reading, Writing, Math through 8th grade)
ASE: Adult Secondary Education (Reading, Writing, Mathematics,
Science, Social Studies: grades 9-12)
**ELAA: English Language Acquisition for Adults

CC: Representative Russell K. Pearce