



Arizona Department of Education
Office of Unique Populations

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Dear Superintendents, Directors, and Coordinators:

I hope this letter finds you well and that as you near the end of the year, you can enjoy all that the month of December offers, including cooler weather, student performances, holiday celebrations and much-deserved time off.

For the final time this year, we are providing you with a few reminders, guidance, and updates.

- Alternate Model Proposal Guidance - For public and charter districts considering an alternate model, please review the following document, [Alternate Program Model Proposal Guidance-December 2021](#), for information on required documents and timeline. It is strongly recommended that you reach out to Laura Alvarez, Deputy Associate Superintendent of Unique Populations, to set up an initial meeting to discuss before completing or submitting a proposal. Doing so will ensure a timely process.
- [Notice of Title III Final Allocations](#) has been sent out. Your LEA's allocation amount can be found at [FY2022 Title III Final Allocation List](#).
- Our [Foster Care Education Program](#) website provides information about upcoming trainings and topics including transportation and best interest determination.

Please reach out to your [OELAS Education Program Specialist](#), Laura Alvarez, Unique Populations Deputy Associate Superintendent, or me, with any questions you have.

Thank you for all that you have done this year for the students of Arizona, the educators who serve them and the communities they are part of.

Happy Holidays!

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