

School District Redistricting Commission

Dear Governing Board Members and Superintendents:

We are about a month away from the deadline that was adjusted by the legislature to get your feedback on the School District Redistricting Commission (SDRC) plans that were submitted to you at the end of April. The deadline was set for Saturday, September 15, 2007.

As you know, the SDRC has been charged by statute to address Arizona's K-12 educational system by recommending new district unifications that could enhance the educational experience for children and families, Kindergarten through grade 12. Like you, we also seek to increase efficiencies and maximize resources to be used for supporting classroom needs.

We welcome your feedback on the initial plans submitted, as well as input you have on the data sent along with the redistricting maps.

Please send your responses in writing to:

- Arizona Department of Education, c/o Art Harding, 1535 W. Jefferson St., Bin 2, Phoenix, AZ 85007. All comments will be checked in at this location and prepared for review by the Commissioners.
- If you have questions during the process of your review of the proposed plan(s), please address them to: Elizabeth Tuttle, Arizona Department of Education at elizabeth.tuttle@azed.gov or (602) 364-2425.
- After your comments have been received, the Commissioners will review them and likely host additional public meetings in time for developing a final proposed school district unification plan by December 31, 2007, at which time the Governor will sign the report and file them with the Secretary of State.
- County school superintendents that have affected districts in their counties will call an election of all the qualified voters within the boundaries of the proposed unified school district at the next general election. This election will occur in November 2008.

We will compile the feedback from all districts after the 15th and share the input with all the Commissioners. Its next meeting to discuss the feedback is set for October 11, 2007 in the State Capitol in one of the House Hearing Rooms.

On behalf of the School District Redistricting Commission, we thank you for the hard work you've been conducting over the last several months. We wish you all the best as you ramp up your efforts

for another new school year. Your commitment to Arizona's school children is appreciated. We look forward to your comments by September 15, and your ongoing team approach to doing what is best for the children of Arizona.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin L. Shultz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Martin L. Shultz
Chairman, SDRC
VP of Government Affairs
Pinnacle West Capital Corporation

School District Redistricting Commission Members:

Ms. Vicki Anderson, retired teacher/school librarian

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