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Superintendent Huppenthal welcomes U.S. Secretary of Education Education officials visit state on 2013 Back-to-School bus tour

Phoenix, AZ, September 6, 2013— Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal will welcome U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and leaders from the U.S. Department of Education when they arrive in Arizona on their 2013 Back-to-School bus tour beginning September 9, 2013.

“I am looking forward to showcasing the outstanding academic programs Arizona has to offer,” said Superintendent Huppenthal, who will be joining the secretary on some of his visits. “I am encouraged that Secretary Duncan is meeting with our educational leaders to discuss issues facing Arizona’s students.”

The tour runs all week as Secretary Duncan and his staff visit key programs around the state. The tour begins Monday in Window Rock and concludes on Thursday in Phoenix. Other stops around Arizona include Bisbee, Marana, Tucson, Chandler, Glendale, and Yuma. Highlights of the visit include:

September 11

8:00 a.m. Dodge Traditional Magnet School, 5831 E. Pima, Tucson
Participating in a service project highlighting the importance of citizenship and strengthening communities

10:30 a.m. Sunnyside High School, 1725 E. Bilby, Tucson
Seeing firsthand how technology empowers educators and engages students and gaining an understanding of the ConnectED initiative which ensures all students have access to high-speed internet

4:30 p.m. Arizona State University, Old Main, Tempe Campus
Participating in a community town hall on college affordability and increasing the Hispanic community's educational opportunities

September 12

9:00 a.m. Bret Tarver Education Complex, 3101 W. McDowell, Phoenix
Participating in a town hall on quality early learning programs

11:45 a.m. Marriott Courtyard Salt River Hotel, 5201 N. Pima, Scottsdale
Consultations with Tribal leaders on improving tribal education

Staff from the Arizona and U.S. Departments of Education will visit other program areas including adult education, charter schools, and physical education.

For complete details on Secretary Duncan's visit, please visit the U.S. Department of Education's news page at <http://www.ed.gov/news/media-advisories> and at ed.gov/bustour. You may also follow the tour on Twitter using #edtour13.

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