



STATE OF ARIZONA

May 29, 2014

Mitchell Chester, Chairman
PARCC Governing Board
1400 16th Street, NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Withdrawal from the PARCC Consortium

Chairman Chester,

This letter is to formally withdraw Arizona from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC), effective ten days from the date of this letter.

Arizona's participation in the PARCC consortium has been very beneficial to the state and its education community. First, it has provided critical information to Arizona's schools to prepare for implementation of an assessment aligned to Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards. Second, the ability to field test a next generation assessment has allowed Arizona's schools to test infrastructure and technical capabilities, and has given Arizona's educators a chance to experience next generation assessment tools that better measure critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.

However, as Arizona begins its competitive bidding process for a new statewide assessment, it is necessary to withdraw from the PARCC consortium in order to protect the independence of our procurement process and prevent any perception of favoritism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Brewer".

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Huppenthal".

John Huppenthal
Superintendent of Public Instruction

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Tyree".

Tom Tyree
President of the State Board of Education