



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

September 4, 2009

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2011 (K-12; budget reconciliation)

Dear Secretary Bennett:

Today I signed House Bill 2011, the Third Special Session K-12 education budget reconciliation bill. Consistent with my actions on House Bill 2006, I have exercised my line item veto authority to preserve maintenance-of-effort levels required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

As I explained to you in my letter on House Bill 2006, this results in education funding levels that are not sustainable and additional reductions will be necessary. However, further action must keep spending within the levels permissible under ARRA and include sufficient revenue to provide the opportunity to mitigate some of the reductions and prepare for the expiration of stimulus funding.

I appreciate your hard work and dedication to these efforts. I know we are all committed to preserving our economic drivers, including education, to secure our current and future fiscal situation. I look forward to our continued collaboration toward these shared goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Brewer". Below the signature, the text "Janice K. Brewer" and "Governor" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

cc: The Honorable Kirk Adams, Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives
The Honorable Robert Burns, President, Arizona State Senate
The Honorable Russell Pearce, Arizona State Senate
The Honorable John Kavanagh, Arizona House of Representatives