

Greeting from the Executive Director

As the theme of this report illustrates, our ten years in operation have provided us with a wealth of experience when it comes to delivering high quality professional development to Arizona's teachers. It has been our privilege to meet and work with dedicated educators in every corner of our state. We have also had the opportunity to collaborate with a wide array of communities and organizations.

We have found that excellent teachers are lifelong learners as well. This insight underlies our dedication to delivering a rich and highly relevant offering of learning opportunities, often taught by some of our state's most accomplished educators.

We also remain keenly committed to nurturing teacher leaders. We've seen how empowering these exceptional individuals to excel – where ever they may be found within our K-12 schools – is simply the most direct route to improving our learning communities and bringing out the best in our students.

In addition, the Center is tasked with looking ahead to meet the needs of teachers in 21st Century classrooms and schools. As one teacher recently commented to me, "We are preparing our students for jobs that don't even exist yet." Implementing 21st Century skills is at the heart of our vision.

As we reflect on this decade of achievement, the relationships we've established throughout Arizona remain invaluable. The dedicated educators, institutional directors, thought leaders and community members have enabled us to earn our reputation for truly high quality professional development. As a result, we look forward to the coming years with an abiding optimism and an impassioned sense of purpose.

Sincerely,

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