



## Arizona Business & Education Coalition

### Shadow the Super 2011

#### Tip Sheet for Legislators

***Goal: To give legislators an inside view of school districts and how public policies are played out “on the ground.”***

Listed below are suggestions when planning for your Shadowing experience. Remember as you visit that you are viewing this experience from the “30,000 foot level.”

- Encourage the Superintendent to keep the day as "typical" as possible but ask for a mix of contacts with teachers, parents and students if possible.
- Visit at least one classroom.
- Ask for a tour of the neighborhood or drive yourself around the community where the students live.
- Ask about the demographics of the student body, specific issues and programs.
- Have a discussion on specific education issues and policies of interest to you and how they affect the district.
- Discuss the role of testing and accountability in schools today.
- Discuss the workplace skills needed in your region.
- Listen for needs; for issues arising from past legislation.
- Consider inviting the Superintendent to “Shadow the Legislator” next spring.
- Consider a follow up visit.
- Wear comfortable shoes!