

Executive Order 2007-06
Building 21st Century Schools

WHEREAS, to prepare students for the 21st Century, Arizona must immediately modernize the delivery of K-12 education and better align its schools with contemporary work and college requirements; and

WHEREAS, modern schools with relevant infrastructure for learning and discovery are key to student and teacher achievement; and

WHEREAS, individualized instruction enhances learning and the likelihood that students will stay in school; and

WHEREAS, school campuses must be appropriate settings for students to learn and grow and should not isolate students from sustained teacher and peer interaction; and

WHEREAS, specialized facilities that meet schools' and students' individual program needs will be essential to successfully preparing students for the 21st Century economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The School Facilities Board shall, in consultation with Arizona school districts, prepare a report no later than October 1, 2007 containing specific recommendations for how the state can build 21st Century schools to best serve Arizona's students. The report shall include specific recommendations on how best to:
 - enhance ability of teachers and students to integrate technology into teaching and learning;
 - create personalized instructional environments that best match teaching programs with individual student needs;
 - foster productive relationship-building between teachers and students;
 - ensure the safety of all students and school personnel;
 - maximize energy and water efficiency; and
2. The report shall also analyze and make recommendations regarding school size and its impact on learning, the impact of class size initiatives on school construction, and the best way to pay for new schools the state needs.
3. Copies of the final report shall be provided to the Governor, the President of the Arizona Senate, and the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

