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Dear Superintendent:

The Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) Program established in ARS §15-808 allows approved school districts and charter schools to develop online instructional systems to expand learning opportunities for students throughout our state.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the State Board of Education is now accepting applications for participation in the AOI program for the 2016-2017 school year. **All applications must be submitted to the Board by October 31, 2016.**

Recent statutory changes no longer allow districts to offer distance learning programs without an approved AOI program. **School districts currently offering online courses through a distance learning program established pursuant to State Board Rules R7-2-301(E) and R7-2-302.02(3) must submit an AOI application and have the AOI program approved in order to continue such services.**

If your district is interested in developing its own AOI program, I encourage you to access more detailed information at:

<http://www.azed.gov/state-board-education/aoi/>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office at (602) 542-5057.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, State Board of Education

cc: Kim Anderson, Assistant Attorney General  
Greg Miller, President, State Board of Education

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