

# **NAPOLITANO TO SIGN CIVIC EDUCATION BILL AT THUNDERBIRD - United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Ret.) and Ariz. Chief Justice Ruth McGregor to Attend Event**

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**GLENDAL, ARIZ.** — In a bill signing ceremony on the campus of Thunderbird, the Garvin School of International Management, Governor Janet Napolitano will sign House Bill 2788, creating a nine-member state commission on civic education and civic engagement. The bill signing will kick off a daylong event "Strengthening Civic Mission of Arizona Schools Through Partnership" bringing together local, state and national leaders to discuss strengthening civic education in Arizona schools.

**WHAT:** Governor Janet Napolitano will sign the civics education and engagement commission bill; state and national leaders will report on their plans and efforts to promote Civic Education; participants including leaders in state and local education policy will provide input and explore opportunities for partnership to strengthen civic education in Arizona; remarks by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. "We the People" students from Glendale's Mountain Ridge High School and Mesa's Dobson High School will engage leaders from Arizona's three branches of government in a dialogue on the separation of powers; Justice O'Connor will also participate in the student dialogue.

**WHERE:** Thunderbird: The Garvin School of International Management  
15249 N. 59th Avenue Glendale, AZ 85306

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 24, 2006  
Bill Signing: 9:20 a.m. (Administration Building, Open to the media)  
Justice O'Connor & Policy Panel: 10 a.m. (Closed to Media)  
High school dialogue with Justice O'Connor: 12:30 p.m. (Thunderbird Commons, Open to media)

**WHO:** United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Ret.)  
Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Ruth McGregor  
Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard  
Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne  
Ted McConnell from the Center for Civic Education  
Executive Chief Legal Council Tim Nelson  
Arizona Representative Jennifer Burns  
National Education Association Vice President Dennis Van Roekel



*The event is presented by the American Bar Association, the Arizona Supreme Court and  
The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education.*

**Helpful Websites:**

Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education: <http://www.azflse.org>

Arizona Civics Coalition: <http://www.azcivics.org>

American Bar Association Division for Public Education: <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/>

Thunderbird, the Garvin School of International Graduate Management: <http://www.thunderbird.edu/>

House Bill 2788: <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/legtext/47leg/2r/bills/hb2788p.htm>