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Statement from Arizona Board of Regents Chair Larry Edward Penley in Response to Governor Ducey's Proposed Budget

"An investment in Arizona's P-20 public education is an investment in Arizona's economic future, and Gov. Ducey's executive budget is exactly that.

"We applaud the governor for proposing a responsible spending plan that prioritizes some of Arizona's most important assets: our public universities. Today, Arizona enjoys its best economy in recent memory. A strong P-20 education system - from preschool to high school, community colleges and public universities - helps ensure every Arizonan may benefit from this economic growth and makes good on Governor Ducey's pledge of opportunity for all.

"Specifically, the executive budget for fiscal 2021 makes critical investments in ABOR's New Economy Initiative, which will focus our universities on addressing Arizona's needs and help us graduate more students to meet the demands of a skills-based economy. This budget plan also continues the state's support of the Arizona Teachers Academy, which plays a critical role in growing our state's next generation of classroom teachers.

"A strong P-20 education system and robust economy go hand-in-hand. We applaud Governor Ducey for recognizing that a strong P-20 system is integral to our state's success. The board thanks Governor Ducey for his continued support and looks forward to working with his administration and legislators as we advocate on behalf of the Arizona students and families we serve."

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