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### FEBRUARY 2014

28 **Spring Legal Seminar** – Tucson: [Info/register](#)

### MARCH 2014

7 **Spring Legal Seminar** – Flagstaff: [Info/register](#)

### APRIL 2014

7 **NSBA Annual Conference** – New Orleans

#### **Legal, finance and policy experts presenting at next week's Spring Legal Seminar**

This one day event will cover a wide range of issues critical to school board members and public education leaders. Topics include:

- Legislative and Legal Update
- Thinking Like an Auditor
- Teacher Evaluation and Due Process After HB2500
- Ten Actions Boards Can Take Today to Lower Their Legal Costs
- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

There are two opportunities to attend: Tucson, Feb. 28, and Flagstaff, March 7. The program is the same in both locations. Registration is now open and the agenda is online. District members' \$135 registration fee includes digital/online conference materials, continental breakfast and lunch. The Tucson event will be held at the Loews Ventana Canyon and ASBA has secured rooms at the rate of \$120 single/double. You may contact the hotel directly at 800.234.5117. The Flagstaff event will be held at High Country Conference Center. Room at the adjacent Drury Inn are available at a room rate of \$104.95 single/double by calling 800.325.0720.

- Feb. 28 – Tucson: [Register](#)
- Mar. 7 – Flagstaff: [Register](#)

#### **ASBA Executive Director Tim Ogle responds to proposed Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Account legislation**

A commentary by Dr. Ogle was recently featured in The Arizona Republic. [Read his complete response](#), which reflects ASBA's position on state dollars being used for private school vouchers.

#### **The latest and greatest online and available: Arizona Education News Service**

Don't miss out on all the important news every day! AZEdNews does all the searching and the legwork to get the top state and national news stories to you with a just a few clicks of your mouse. To make it even easier, you can scroll through the entries, or sort them using the filter at the top of the page by topics or simply by Arizona sources or national sources. To bookmark the AZEd News daily News Roundup page, [click here](#).

#### **'Our Classrooms, Our Workforce, Our Future' presentation at Arizona Biltmore**

The importance of a strong education in building a successful community is the central theme in the presentation to be given by Michael J. Petrilli of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute at the Arizona Biltmore on Thursday, March 6, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Expect More Arizona. Petrilli will talk about the relationship between education and the economy and how to improve Arizona's education system by implementing Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards.

For more information, contact Jessica Mayer, [jmayer@phoenixchamber.com](mailto:jmayer@phoenixchamber.com) or 602.495.2182. [Register](#) for the free presentation

### **School's out so make it count educational video available**

Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence (AzCASE) has released a new video promoting the benefits of quality out-of-school time programs. Featuring fun, exciting and diverse enrichment opportunity outside the classroom, this tool is available in both English and Spanish to demonstrate the value of quality learning opportunities before and after the school day. For more information:

- School's Out Make It Count Video: [English](#)
- School's Out Make It Count Video: [Spanish](#)

### **Call for K-3 entries in Arizona PBS Kids Writers Contest**

Do you know a artistic young person with a talent for writing and/or illustrating? This national-local contest by Eight and Arizona PBS is designed to promote the advancement of children's reading skills through hands-on, active learning. This competition is a great way for kids to grow their creativity, imagination and expression while getting a chance for recognition and to win prizes. Submissions will be judged on originality, creative expression, story-telling and integration of text and illustrations. Eight will judge all local submissions. First-, second- and third-place winners will be selected in each grade level in Arizona with each first-place winner sent to national competition. Submission deadline is March 21, 2014.

[Information and online entry form](#)

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## **ASBA Executive Searches**

### **Now open:**

- Superintendent, Santa Cruz Valley USD (closes 12 p.m., March 7): [online application](#)
- Superintendent, Sierra Vista USD (closes 5 p.m., March 5): [online application](#)
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### **Opening soon:**

- Superintendent, Somerton USD
- Superintendent, Payson USD

**Looking for an interim superintendent?** ASBA can help. We maintain a database of people interested in serving as interim superintendents. We will post your requirements and send to this list, then provide you with applications from those individuals interested in your position. There is no charge for this service. For assistance in this area, contact Steve Highlen, ASBA Executive Search Consultant, at [shighlen@azsba.org](mailto:shighlen@azsba.org).

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