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The Honorable Adrian Fontes  
Secretary of State  
1700 W. Washington Street 7th Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Secretary Fontes,

Today I signed HB2456.

The Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB) is a cornerstone of the visually impaired and Deaf and hard of hearing communities in Arizona. For over 110 years, ASDB has moved forward with their mission of providing well-rounded, high-quality education to children who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind from birth to grade 12.

The ASDB community was treated with a lack of respect and was not given equal access to participate in the legislative process. Parents, students, and teachers were made to worry about the continuing existence of their school while caught in the middle of political games being played by a fringe minority of the Legislature.

I encourage the Legislature to reflect on the passage of HB2456 and send me a bill next session that includes a full eight-year continuation.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs  
Governor  
State of Arizona

Cc:

Senate President Petersen

House Speaker Toma

Senator Mesnard