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## **LAUNCH Flagstaff Statement for World-Class Education Funding**

**Flagstaff, AZ (April 25, 2018)** - The mission of LAUNCH Flagstaff is to advance world-class education for every child in Flagstaff from cradle through their career. We accept our shared responsibility in reaching this goal.

The following partners of LAUNCH Flagstaff support our children by reinvesting in our teachers and schools. Through seeking a permanent educational funding solution, we can ensure our education system is capable of achieving world-class status. We desire that all community sectors engage in this conversation and find the common ground that will produce the educational results we all want.

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**Steve Peru**, President & CEO  
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This statement was also sent today to Governor Doug Ducey, all members of the Arizona State House and Senate, and the Arizona Education Association.

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### **About LAUNCH Flagstaff**

**LAUNCH Flagstaff is a community owned partnership of cross-sector organizations that have come together to build relationships and use a data-driven collective impact framework to create a system of world-class education for every child in Flagstaff, from cradle through career. Major funding and infrastructure support for LAUNCH Flagstaff comes from the Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff, the United Way of Northern Arizona, and the Wharton Foundation.**

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