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## Press Release

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### Distance Learning Students, Parents and Teachers to Rally at State Capitol

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Tuesday, April 21, 2009, from noon until 3 pm is Capitol Day for 14 distances learning schools. Hundreds of students, faculty and parents will rally at the Arizona State Capitol Senate Lawn (SE corner - 1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix) to share with members of the state legislature about the unique technology-based learning models and flexibility distance learning provides Arizona students.

According to Sequoia Choice Arizona Distance Learning Superintendent, Ron Neil, distance learning schools have experienced an annual growth rate of 40% nationally and are currently the fastest growing type of school in the nation. This may be due to the blending of classroom and online education models that give students the freedom to choose the learning environment and pace that works best for their individual needs.

Sequoia Choice's free concurrent enrollment programs with colleges and universities are also gaining popularity because it enables secondary students to earn college credit before high school graduation. Sequoia Choice reimburses students college tuition cost and assists with textbook fees as long as the student maintains a C average in the course. Sequoia Choice also helps students who have fallen behind catch up through their Credit Recovery Programs that enables students to pick up a class anytime and attend either online or at one of their 13 teacher-supervised computer resource centers.

*"Our credit recovery program has enabled many middle and high school students to complete needed class in a few weeks instead of a full semester without leaving their school, because they can work at their own pace and attend anytime. Many of our students are working well beyond their grade level. We want legislators to be aware of*

*all of the issues regarding how distance learning is enhancing Arizona education,”*  
shared Rich Harris, Marketing Director for Sequoia Choice.

The distance learning programs employ technology assisted learning methodologies such as computer programs, virtual classrooms, virtual tutoring, electronic field trips, online help desks, group chat sessions and many non-computer based activities that address the unique needs and learning styles of their students. The courses are generally self-paced, but must be completed within a certain period of time to qualify for credit.

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