

## **Media Advisory**

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## Breakfast Reception with Rep. Tom Forese and CEO of Code.org

PHOENIX – Meet and Greet Breakfast Reception with Rep. Tom Forese, R-Gilbert and Hadi Partovi, cofounder and CEO of Code.org. During the 2014 Legislative Session, Reps. Forese and Gallego introduced House Bill 2265, which allows a school district or charter school to count a rigorous computer science course as a math credit.

**Who:** Rep, Tom Forese, along with Triadvocates and Stand for Children Arizona will host a meet and greet breakfast reception for Hadi Partovi, cofounder and CEO of Code.org. Code.org is a nonprofit dedicated to expanding participation in computer science by making it available in more schools, and increasing participation by women and underrepresented students of color.

**What:** There will be brief comments regarding the importance of STEM education and the role of computer science training for Arizona's workforce, and then it will be opened up to media questions.

**Why:** There will be 1.4 million computer science jobs by 2020, but only 400,000 computer science students. In 2013 all three Arizona Universities graduated only 300 computer science professionals.

When: Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 8:30 a.m.

Where: The Rose Garden at the capital, 1700 W. Washington St, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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