



COLORADO
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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

I hope you are all well and that you are getting ready to spend a little time with friends and family during the holidays.

I'm writing to share some personal news with you all. I've made the decision to step down from my position as commissioner in July 2023.

Many of you will remember that serving as education commissioner was not something I aspired to, but it has been the honor of my life. I continue to be inspired and humbled every day by your dedication and expertise. It has been a privilege to work alongside you in service of Colorado's children.

As you know all too well, serving in this type of leadership role is relentless - it's night and day, weekday and weekend work. And during the pandemic, we all worked essentially around the clock. I've given it every ounce of energy I had, and now I'm going to take a little break and explore my next professional phase.

With new leadership and new members on our board, it is an ideal time for a new commissioner to step in with fresh ideas and fresh energy to lead the department and the state through the opportunities and challenges ahead.

We will keep you informed of the board's progress with hiring a new commissioner through the CDE Update, so be sure to check that publication for progress.

I look forward to seeing you over the next several months and reflecting on our successes and challenges together.

With deep gratitude,

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.
Commissioner

