



COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Resolution Recognizing the Contribution Commissioner Dwight D. Jones has Made to Education Reform in Colorado

- WHEREAS: The State Board of Education unanimously selected Dwight D. Jones as the Commissioner of Education in June 2007; and,
- WHEREAS: In the time since, the Commissioner of Education has initiated actions that have helped place Colorado in the forefront of education reform; and,
- WHEREAS: Through his *Forward Thinking* plan, the Commissioner established a renewed direction and purpose for the Colorado Department of Education, and in so doing helped the State Board of Education fulfill its strategic goals; and,
- WHEREAS: The Colorado Legacy Foundation, an entity conceived in *Forward Thinking*, was established and is leading efforts in the areas of educator effectiveness, health and wellness, Legacy Schools and Expanded Learning Opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: The Commissioner has successfully deployed what has been an effective path of development and change within the department and in the field; and,
- WHEREAS: School and district leaders across the state now view the Colorado Department of Education as a resource for information and support; and,
- WHEREAS: The Commissioner has set into motion initiatives that hold tremendous promise for the transformation of education in general and student achievement in particular; and,
- WHEREAS: Under his leadership, the Colorado Growth Model and SchoolView have radically changed the way Colorado – and other states across the nation – look at student achievement and growth; and,

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WHEREAS: His insistence that accountability measures should be fair and consistent led to the passing of Senate Bill 09-163; and,

WHEREAS: Specifically, the Commissioner's drive to raise expectations for students resulted in rigorous and newly adopted content standards for students and the attributes for a new state assessment program; and,

WHEREAS: Under his tenure, the Colorado State Legislature for the first time funded work to close the achievement gap; and,

WHEREAS: His support of such legislation as the Educator Effectiveness Bill and the Educator Identifier Bill, while unpopular with some, helped to put into motion initiatives that will truly benefit children in the classroom; and,

WHEREAS: The Commissioner's dedication to fiscal accountability has improved department practices and brought kudos from the USDE regarding federal compliance; and,

WHEREAS: His service on various commissions and boards, among them the NCATE Blue Ribbon Panel on Teacher Preparation, Education Commission of the State's Steering Committee and the McREL Board of Directors, is unparalleled; and,

WHEREAS: Through his participation in the Council of Chief State School Officers and the national arena, the Commissioner has earned great respect from his colleagues in other states, and,


WHEREAS: He is recognized by political, education and lay leaders alike for his bold leadership to do whatever it takes for students;

Now, therefore,
BE IT

RESOLVED: The Colorado State Board of Education formally commends Dwight D. Jones for his outstanding service as Colorado Commissioner of Education, his tireless efforts

to increase academic achievement, and his championship
for preparing *all* students for future success.

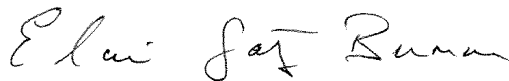
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