



COLORADO
Department of Education
Commissioner of Education

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Dear Superintendents,

I enjoyed my time in sunny Grand Junction last week for the State Board of Education's August meeting. I loved spending time in the community, especially the ribbon cutting for Mesa 51's impressive new R-5 High School and Summit School Program. I also want to thank Colorado Mesa University for hosting us on their beautiful campus.

I'm writing to give you an update on my role as interim commissioner. I have agreed to stay on in this capacity through at least the end of the legislative session in May 2017, and I am open to further discussions with the board beyond that timeframe. I will continue to lead, with an eye toward the future, while continuing to support your great work. We know there are several unknowns between now and then, including state board elections, so discussions will be ongoing. The board has not yet decided on a process for moving forward to select a permanent commissioner, but I would expect those discussions to begin in January 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.
Interim Commissioner

