



COLORADO
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Commissioner of Education

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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

Happy 2017! I hope you are doing well and got some rest and relaxation over the holidays.

I would like to share a few organizational updates as we continue to work with you and support the ever-evolving Colorado education landscape. Please know you can reach out to any of these leaders to provide feedback or ask questions. And, I know that you work with many other leaders in the department that focus on specific areas-- I just wanted to give you a high altitude version of the overarching divisions and the executive leaders of those divisions.

The divisions and leaders under the current CDE organizational structure are:

- Marcia Bohannon, Chief Information Officer: Including, Information Management Services, Data Services, Privacy Services
- Melissa Colman, Associate Commissioner for Student Learning: Including, Exceptional Student Services Unit, Federal Programs, and Teaching and Learning (Literacy, Early Childhood, Standards, Learning Supports)
- Leanne Emm, Deputy Commissioner of School Finance and Operations: School Finance, Grants Fiscal, School Nutrition, Transportation, Capital Construction, State Library and Operations (Budget, HR)
- Colleen O'Neil, Executive Director of Educator Talent: Including, Licensing and Professional Services, Enforcement, Educator Effectiveness and Educator Preparation support
- Alyssa Pearson, Associate Commissioner for School and District Accountability and Support: Including Turnaround supports, Accountability and Data analysis , Accountability Clock, Unified Improvement Planning
- Jhon Penn, Executive Director of Field Services: Field Services Team (Tina Goar, John Condie)
- Dana Smith, Chief Communications Officer: Communications
- Joyce Zurkowski, Executive Director of Assessment: Assessment
- Associate Commissioner for Innovation, Choice and Student Pathways (Acting, Leanne Emm) which includes, Student Pathways (Executive Director, Misti Ruthven)and Choice and Charters (Vacant, Executive Director to be hired soon)

Best,

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.
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