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## **News Release**

### ***State Board of Education Member Jane Goff Will Be Sworn-In Wednesday, March 5***

Newly appointed State Board of Education member Jane Goff will be sworn-in to office on Wednesday, March 5 prior to that day's monthly meeting of the state board.

The ceremony will begin at 7:45 a.m. in the board room on the first floor at the Colorado Department of Education, 201 E. Colfax Ave.

Goff was appointed by the Democratic vacancy committee last week to fill the remaining term of Karen Middleton, who resigned to take an open seat with the State House of Representatives. Goff will represent the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and would stand for election in November 2008.

Goff recently retired from a 34-year career with Jefferson County Schools. She taught middle school and high school French and Spanish until 2003, when she was appointed as the district's coordinator of world languages and international student exchange. She supervised the district's world language curriculum, directed the first-year language teachers' induction program, and approved the admission of foreign exchange students to Jefferson County high schools.

Goff also served as president of the Jefferson County Education Association from 1998—2000 and vice president of the Colorado Education Association from 2000—2006. While in office, she focused her efforts on the association's work in the area of teaching and learning.

Goff also consults on matters related to school safety and crisis response and frequently represents the teacher perspective on panels and meetings covering those topics.

A Colorado native, Goff earned her French Education degree at Colorado State University. She has additional graduate training in school administration and counseling.

"This is a time of great opportunity for education in Colorado," said Goff. "I look forward to combining my experience, energy and passion for learning with that of our local schools and communities. By working together, we will find hopeful new ways to best meet today's and tomorrow's challenges head on. "

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