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## **News Release**

### ***State Board of Education Member Evie Hudak Receives “Friend of Foreign Languages” Award***

Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers has awarded State Board of Education member Evie Hudak with its prestigious “Friend of Foreign Languages Award.” The award was given last week at the group’s annual conference.

Hudak was nominated for the award by Martie Semmer and Janine Erickson, co-chairs of the State World Language Advisory Council.

Hudak was honored for recognizing at a “deep level” the importance that foreign language instruction plays from pre-school through post-graduate education. She was also recognized for providing seven years of “wise guidance through the channels at the Colorado Department of Education” in helping update foreign language standards for teachers and model content standards for students

The nominators and supporters commented on Hudak’s “interactive and enlightening presentations” and her “dedication, energy, and caring.” They described her as an “insightful, farsighted, and sincere leader” for whom “education is truly a passion.”

Hudak said that she was “deeply honored to receive the award,” but added that she was “just doing my job as a member of the State Board of Education” in working with foreign language educators.

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