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## **News Release**

### ***Deputy Commissioner Karen Mock Announces Retirement***

Commissioner of Education Dwight Jones today announced the retirement of Deputy Commissioner Karen Mock, who will step down in June 2008 after serving public schools in Colorado for the past 32 years.

“Those who have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Mock know of her true commitment to public education and how she has managed increasingly complex and challenging projects with a high degree of success,” said Commissioner Jones. “We wish her well and extend deep appreciation for her years of fine stewardship on behalf of school children across the state.”

Until her marriage last fall, Deputy Commissioner Karen Mock was known as Karen Stroup. She was hired as an “Accounting Tech 1” in February, 1976 and was promoted six times over the next 13 years until she was promoted to “Accountant IV” in May, 1988. Two years later, she was promoted to Budget Director and in 1993 she was named executive director of the office of internal services. In July, 1995 she was promoted to chief of staff.

When former commissioner William Moloney stepped down last spring, the State Board of Education appointed Mock as deputy commissioner and asked her to remain through the appointment and transition to the new commissioner.

"Working here has been a great experience," said Mock. "I've worked with some very talented people, including five inspiring commissioners of education, who have each been amazing."

Mock has been named to serve on the Board of Directors of the new Colorado Legacy Foundation, being organized to support the initiatives and reforms outlined in the department's new "Forward Thinking" plan.

"I look forward to working with the foundation and staying in touch with the department's work," said Mock. "I'm not going too far."

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