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News Release

Commissioner Dwight D. Jones Hits the Road for a Speaking Engagement and School Visits

Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones will begin his schedule of visits with a stop at the Arts Business Education Consortium of Colorado Springs where he will deliver the keynote address at the 29th Annual ABE Consortium Luncheon.

The luncheon will be held today beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Antlers Hilton Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs.

The Commissioner will speak about the importance of visual and performing arts in the lives of children and adults. The ABE Consortium includes representatives from arts organizations, business and education leaders and parent groups. The purpose of the committee is to enhance the quality of cultural life in Colorado Springs by ensuring that children have arts experiences in schools.

Following are the additional scheduled public appearances by Commissioner Jones this week:

Wednesday, April 16

1:30 p.m. – Pueblo School District 60

Thursday, April 17

9:00 a.m. – Sanford School District

10:15 a.m. – North Conejos School District RE 1-J

11:45 a.m. – Alamosa School District RE 11-J

1:15 p.m. – Monte Vista School District

2:45 p.m. – Del Norte School District C-7

Friday, April 18

Commissioner Jones is planning to visit other school districts in southwest Colorado on Friday, April 18. Details will be announced as soon as the schedule is confirmed.

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