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## **News Release**

### ***Colorado Reading Summit Gathers Monday, May 12***

The Colorado Department of Education will hold the fourth annual Colorado Reading Summit, themed “Breaking Through the Gap,” on Monday, May 12, 2008 at the Sheraton Denver Hotel (formerly Adam’s Mark Hotel), 1550 Court Place in Denver.

The Colorado Reading Summit provides an opportunity for hundreds of Colorado’s key policy-makers and educational leaders to learn how to close achievement gaps and maximize reading and writing results.

“The Colorado Reading Summit is about sharing best practices and the latest research and information on how to teach this critical skill and improve student achievement,” said Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones. “I’m delighted the summit will feature Colorado schools making gains and closing gaps in reading and writing.”

Agenda highlights include:

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. – Conference welcome, Colorado Commissioner of Education, Dwight D. Jones
- 8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Keynote session “Leadership and Literacy” with Douglas Reeves, founder of the Leadership and Learning Center
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Breakout sessions featuring schools and districts breaking through the achievement gap

- 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. – Luncheon Speaker, Gregory Moore, *The Denver Post*
- 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. – Keynote session “Brain Imaging,” Guinevere Eden, Associate Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Neuroscience, Georgetown University
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Breakout sessions featuring schools and districts breaking through the achievement gap

Register online at <http://www.mikogroup.com/events/>. Additional information about the summit may be found at [http://www.cde.state.co.us/cde\\_readsum/index.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cde_readsum/index.htm).

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