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**News Release**

***Schedule for Commissioner Jones, July 21 – 26***

**Monday, July 21**

Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones will attend the final day of the Education Research and Development Institute (ERDI) conference. ERDI gives educational leaders the opportunity to influence the development, refinement and delivery of the products and services entering the educational setting in the United States so that those products and services can best meet the needs of American children.

**Location** – Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. For more information, visit <http://www.erdus.com/>.

**Tuesday, July 22**

Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones will attend the State Board of Education retreat, being held in Breckenridge, Colorado. The retreat will run from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Agenda items include approval of the board's budget for fiscal year 2009 (9:30 a.m.); Colorado Legacy Foundation Update (10:15 a.m.); executive session for personnel matters (10:45 a.m.); strategic plan revisions (1 p.m.) and legislative discussion (3:15 p.m.)

The State Board of Education and Commissioner Jones extend their thanks to the Rose Community Foundation for a grant making this retreat possible.

At 2:15 p.m., Commissioner Jones will briefly address the New Superintendents Workshop, part of the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) convention in Breckenridge.

**Wednesday, July 23 – Friday, July 25**

Commissioner Jones will attend the 35<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Colorado Association of School Executives. Commissioner Jones is one of three speakers delivering opening remarks during the first general session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23.

**Location** – Beaver Run Resort, 620 Village Rd., Breckenridge, Colorado.

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