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## **News Release**

### ***State Board of Education Chair Pamela Jo Suckla Named 2008 Policy Leader by Colorado Association of School Executives***

State Board of Education Chair Pamela Jo Suckla was presented with the 2008 Policy Leader Award by the Colorado Association of School Executives during its annual convention last week in Breckenridge, Colorado.

The award was presented by CASE Deputy Executive Director Bruce Caughey, who lauded Suckla for decades of service to public school students and issues in Colorado.

"Many years were dedicated to her local PTA and as a board member in Dolores County RE-2 (J) for nine years. She served on the CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards) Board of Directors in 1991 and served as president in 1996. Mrs. Suckla began her career on the State Board in February 2002 and has acted as chair for the last four years," said Caughey.

"Pam has served on numerous advisory boards and commissions overseeing higher education, school-to-career opportunities and education research. She is a member of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, and a member of the Energy and Mineral Impact Advisory for the Department of Local Affairs.

Thankfully for this and future generations of our kids, Suckla is relentless in her advocacy for the sometimes forgotten school trust lands of Colorado. She has the foresight and a *sticktoitiveness* that

makes a difference. She presently serves as secretary and treasurer of the National CLASS (Children's Land Alliance Supporting Schools) organization, as well as our active state affiliate of which CASE is a member. Thank you Pam for all you do for the children of Colorado," added Caughey.

"I was surprised and honored to receive this prestigious award from CASE and I appreciate the hard work that CASE and other educational associations have done to make my term on the Colorado State Board of Education successful," said Suckla. "I also want to thank all of the administrators for their dedication and hard work to the students of Colorado."

In December 2007, Suckla also received the Policy Leader of the Year Award from the Colorado Association of School Boards.

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