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## **News Release**

### ***Commissioner Jones To Speak at “Lean and Green” School Symposium***

Colorado Commissioner of Education, Dwight D. Jones will speak at the “Dreaming a Lean and Green School: A Symposium on Healthy Foods, Fitness and Environments” on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008 at the West Club Lounge, Invesco Field at Mile High. The symposium will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

National and Colorado experts will share their expertise and insight about developing and sustaining innovative and high-impact school programs. Colorado Lt. Gov. Barbara O’Brien, Chair of the Metro Denver Health & Wellness Commission will join Commissioner Jones in making opening remarks at the one-day symposium. Other confirmed speakers include: Dr. Jayne Greenberg, the district director of physical education and health literacy at Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Rachel Gutter, senior manager of the education sector for the U.S. Green Building Council.

The symposium is the first step in a movement to develop public schools in Colorado that will integrate healthy eating, increased physical education and activity, healthy school environment and a comprehensive curriculum. The goal is to create environments where healthy and active children will achieve their academic potential.

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