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CDE Will Support State Hiring Freeze

Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones today said he will follow through on Gov. Bill Ritter's requests of state agencies to control spending.

One request was to freeze hiring among all state agencies. In addition, Gov. Ritter specifically asked the Colorado Department of Education to delay grants to expand full-day kindergarten facilities.

"Our department will be supportive of the governor's requests," said Commissioner Jones.

The department had received 46 applications to build or improve facilities to expand access to full-day kindergarten programs. The legislature had set aside \$34.5 million for that purpose. Those applications will be put on hold, said Commissioner Jones, as Gov. Ritter requested.

"We will also carefully review all job postings to ensure that we are meeting our critical needs and at the same time doing our part to keep spending in check," said Commissioner Jones.

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