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## **News Release**

### ***Jim McIntosh Named New State Assessment Director***

Jim McIntosh, current assessment data operations supervisor for the Colorado Department of Education has been selected to replace Beth Celva as state assessment director, effective July 1, 2009. After six years as state assessment director, Beth Celva is retiring.

"Jim's work in district and state assessment over the past 10 years ensures a continuation of the meaningful, valid assessment opportunities for Colorado's students," said Standards and Assessment Assistant Commissioner Jo O'Brien. "His effective work with various CDE offices, assessment vendors and district assessment coordinators has demonstrated his ability to serve in this demanding role. His expertise with national and state assessment models will help shape the development of Colorado's new assessment system for 2012."

McIntosh began work with CDE in 2003 in the assessment office as a principal consultant for testing and data management. Prior to his work at CDE he did extensive university and government research and data analysis. In all, McIntosh has more than 15 years of experience in data and research.

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