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News Release

Commissioner Jones Congratulates Gov. Ritter on Appointment as New Chair of National Governors Association's Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Committee

Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones today congratulated Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter on being selected to chair the Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Committee for the National Governors Association.

"The National Governors Association could not have named a more passionate and dedicated individual to lead this important work," said Commissioner Jones. "The appointment will bring visibility to many important education reforms that Gov. Ritter has championed since his first day in office. Congratulations to Gov. Ritter, whose leadership on education issues has yielded action-minded teamwork across political parties, among state agencies and the broader education committee. Leaders around the country will now have a chance to see that Colorado is pulling in one direction and doing so with high expectations."

With Gov. Ritter as the new chair, the NGA'S Education, Early Childhood and Workforce Committee will address issues such as early childhood education and alignment of accountability systems from preschool through higher education.

Gov. Ritter will play a role in setting and presiding over the committee's work and serve as a national spokesman for all

governors and the NGA on topics related to education and workforce development.

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