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News Release

Commissioner of Education Dwight Jones Congratulates Cindy Stevenson, Colorado Superintendent of the Year

Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones today congratulated Jefferson County Schools Superintendent Cindy Stevenson, who has been named the 2010 Superintendent of the Year by the Colorado Association of School Executives.

“Cindy Stevenson is an outstanding selection to represent superintendents across the state,” said Commissioner. “Her dedication is unmatched, her leadership skills are extraordinary and her tireless efforts on behalf of students have earned her tremendous respect from her colleagues. Congratulations to her for this worthy recognition.”

Superintendent of the state’s largest school district since 2002, Stevenson has a long history with Jefferson County Schools. She began her administrative career as a principal in 1985 and also worked as an area administrator, an assistant superintendent for instruction, and deputy superintendent.

The Jefferson County School District Cabinet, comprised of leaders across the district, nominated Stevenson for the award, noting her visionary leadership style and stating that she “never ceases to advocate for both Jefferson County schools and for every child in the state of Colorado.”

The cabinet’s nomination added that she is focused on improving achievement for all of the district’s 85,000 students and she inspires principals and teachers to “strive for greatness.”

A product of Jefferson County schools, Stevenson attended the University of Colorado where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as Ph.D. in administration, supervision and curriculum development.

"Dr. Stevenson is truly an exemplary school leader," said CASE Executive Director John Hefty. "She has had a huge positive impact on the education of the many hundreds of thousands of students who have attended Jeffco schools during her time as a leader. She brings to her role as Jeffco superintendent great energy and integrity and is respected by her peers as being a passionate advocate for students. She is most deserving of this award."

As Colorado's Superintendent of the Year, Stevenson is eligible to become the National Superintendent of the Year. The national winner will be announced at the American Association of School Administrator's annual conference in February 2010.

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