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**News Release**

***The Colorado Department Of Education And Colorado Legacy Foundation Provide Free RAFT Memberships To Teachers In Honor Of Teacher Appreciation Month***

The Colorado Department of Education in partnership with the Colorado Legacy Foundation will provide 200 teachers in Colorado with free memberships to Resource Area for Teaching (RAFT).

The free memberships are in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Month in May. Beginning May 1, the first 100 front-range teachers to visit RAFT in Denver will receive a free one-year membership. An additional 50 memberships will be reserved for rural teachers on a first come, first serve basis. Any unclaimed memberships will be available to any Colorado teacher after December 1. Fifty educators involved in creating cross-curriculum connections have already received their free membership.

Along with a free membership, teachers will also receive 10 percent off any May purchase.

**About RAFT**

Hundreds of teachers in Colorado have already discovered RAFT. Located at 2875 Blake St. in Denver, RAFT is a resource center, store, teacher workspace, gathering place and source of inspiration. RAFT connects teachers with tons of nearly-free materials, activity ideas tied to state standards, interactive learning kits and hands-on workshops. For more information about RAFT, visit [www.raftcolorado.org](http://www.raftcolorado.org)

### **About the Colorado Legacy Foundation**

The Colorado Legacy Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization that supports innovation, best practices and policy partnership with the Colorado Department of Education. For more information, visit <http://www.colegacy.org/default.php>

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