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## **News Release**

### ***Commissioner Dwight D. Jones Named One Of Three Finalists For Superintendent Of Clark County School District In Nevada, Fifth Largest In United States***

Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones today said he is pleased to be named as one of three finalists for superintendent of Clark County School District in Las Vegas and added that the decision to let his name go forward in the process was “extremely difficult.” Clark County School District, with 310,000 students, is the nation’s fifth-largest school district.

“This is not a job I was looking for,” said Commissioner Jones. “I was recruited and encouraged to apply. I let my name go forward because I think the position might be a good fit based on what I believe the Clark County School District needs at this time. The challenges in Clark County are compelling, and I have been candid with friends and colleagues about my desire to return at some point to the direct, hands-on work of serving as an urban superintendent.”

Colorado State Board of Education Chairman Bob Schaffer said he supports Commissioner Jones’ decision to pursue the opening. “Of course I hope we don’t lose Dwight Jones, who has demonstrated remarkable skill in leading the department forward on a series of significant reforms. At the same time, I’d never discourage him or anyone from exploring whether a possible opportunity might make sense for his professional career. We’ve never tried to keep Dwight Jones’ talents and skills as an educational leader secret. His stature is well known beyond the borders of Colorado.”

Added Commissioner Jones: "I'm excited to explore this opportunity further," he said, "but nothing is final by any means, nor has anything changed. I remain as dedicated to my position as commissioner as I have been in the past three years, and if the position in Las Vegas is not a good fit, I will continue with enthusiasm and commitment to the myriad projects we have underway."

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