



**COLORADO**  
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Commissioner of Education

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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors:

I'm excited - and humbled - to let you know that the State Board of Education has appointed me commissioner of education. I'm honored to have been given this opportunity, and I want you to know that I will continue to work my very hardest in hopes of living up to the high expectations and incredibly important responsibility of this job. I want to thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me over the past months. To succeed, I will still need that partnership and support moving forward.

You won't be surprised by my approach to this job:

1. My top priority will be to ensure that department staff provide you with a high level of support to help you enhance student opportunity and achievement.
2. I will try to be a model for the leadership we want to see across our state and country. I believe it is important that we listen to each other, respect diverse perspectives and try to find solutions that will work.

You'll undoubtedly be hearing more from me in the near future, but for now please know how excited I am to serve you and the students of Colorado as commissioner of education.

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Sincerely,

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.  
Commissioner

