



# COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Mission:

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## Meetings

### Strategic Plan

The responsibility of the Colorado State Board of Education is to adopt goals and objectives for the State of Colorado concerning the improvement of education of children in this state.

### Mission

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### Vision

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## Background

In 1948, the Colorado State Constitution was amended to authorize an elected State Board of Education to provide general supervision of public schools, with powers and duties described throughout Title 22 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. The first Colorado State Board of Education was elected in November 1950, and began work in January 1951.

Today's State Board of Education is composed of seven elected officials representing Colorado's congressional districts. Board members serve without pay for six-year terms. Every other year, the State Board elects a chairman and vice-chairman from its own membership; the Commissioner of Education acts as non-voting secretary to the Board.

## Authority

The State Board of Education is authorized by Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado with the general supervision of the public schools. Powers and duties of the Board are described in § 22-2-105 through 109 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

## Powers & Duties

The Colorado State Board of Education is the governing board of the Colorado Department of Education. The State Board's duties are enumerated in § 22-2-106, § 22-2-106.5 and § 22-2-109 C.R.S. These duties include:

- Providing educational leadership for the state;
- Adopting graduation guidelines for high school graduation requirements;
- Appointing and evaluating the Commissioner of Education and the Director of State Board Relations;
- Promulgating rules, regulations, and policies that govern the Colorado Department of Education, public education including pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, adult education, and public libraries;
- Accrediting public school districts;
- Facilitating the provision of library services through the State Library;
- Distributing federal and state funds;
- Regulating educator licensing;
- Supervising adult basic education and public libraries;
- Appointing advisory committees;
- Granting waivers of Colorado education law and regulations; and
- Exercising judicial authority with regard to appeals by charter schools.

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## 2010 Legislative Priorities

### 1. School Finance

Support efforts to improve the long-term financial stability of education funding and develop a comprehensive school finance solution.

### 2. Great Teachers and Leaders

Support legislation that will align state policies and practices to support educator effectiveness.

### 3. Statewide System of Accountability and Support

Continue to develop a consistent and comprehensive statewide system of support that helps schools and districts build the capacity needed to achieve ambitious student outcomes.

### 4. Closing the Achievement Gap

Continue efforts and funding to implement proven, evidence-based programs and strategies for closing the achievement gap.

### 5. Standards and Assessments

Continue statewide transition to and implementation of internationally benchmarked standards and aligned assessments that provide a clear path to postsecondary and workforce readiness.

### 6. Innovation and Choice

Support legislation enabling the state to assure a high-quality public school choice for every student in Colorado.

### 7. Early Childhood Education

Support efforts to increase access to family literacy and high-quality, voluntary, early-childhood education.

### 8. Data Collection and Access

Support approaches to measuring postsecondary and workforce readiness beyond student scores on state assessments.

### 9. CDE Fiscal Management

Support legislation that will increase the department's ability to deliver operational excellence, and research and development, while decreasing the constraints associated with federal resources.

### 10. State Board Authority

Support the Colorado State Board of Education's constitutional responsibility for public schools through collaboration opportunities with the legislative and executive branches and with the private sector and through designation of the rulemaking authority rather than prescriptive statute.

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## Board Members



**Bob Schaffer (R), Chairman**  
4th Congressional District  
Fort Collins, Colorado



**Randy DeHoff (R), Vice-Chairman**  
6th Congressional District  
Littleton, Colorado



**Elaine Gantz Berman (D)**  
1st Congressional District  
Denver, Colorado



**Angelika Schroeder (D)**  
2nd Congressional District  
Boulder, Colorado



**Marcia Neal (R)**  
3rd Congressional District  
Grand Junction, Colorado



**Peggy Littleton (R)**  
5th Congressional District  
Colorado Springs, Colorado



**Jane Goff (D)**  
7th Congressional District  
Arvada, Colorado

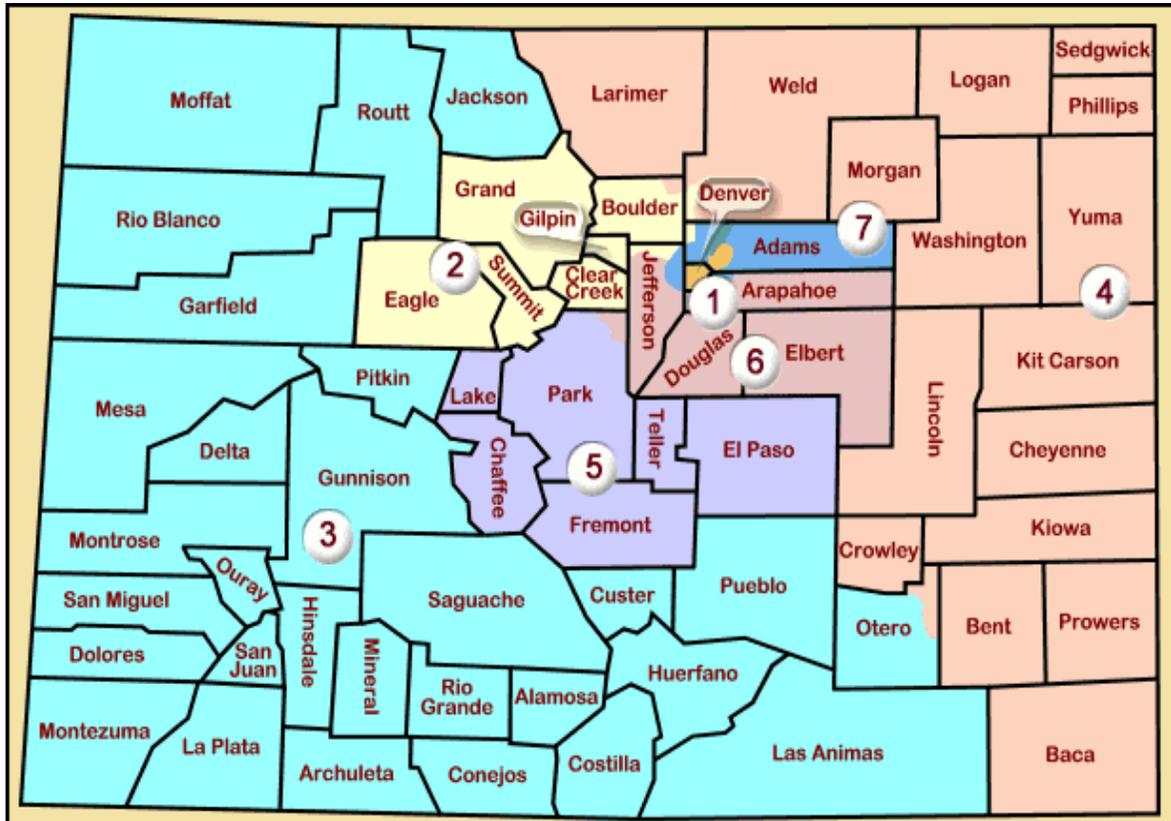


**Dwight D. Jones**  
Commissioner of Education

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## Congressional District Map



***The Colorado State Board of Education is composed of seven elected officials representing Colorado's congressional districts.***

1st Congressional District: Elaine Gantz Berman

2nd Congressional District: Angelika Schroeder

3rd Congressional District: Marcia Neal

4th Congressional District: Bob Schaffer

5th Congressional District: Peggy Littleton

6th Congressional District: Randy DeHoff

7th Congressional District: Jane Goff

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## Bob Schaffer (R) Chairman



### ***Fourth Congressional District, Fort Collins***

Term of Office:  
January 2006 - January 2013

Bob Schaffer is chairman of the Colorado State Board of Education. His Board constituency is the state's Fourth Congressional District. He is chairman of the Leadership Program of the Rockies, a corporation providing economic and political leadership training in Colorado. He is also the Colorado Chairman of the Judicial Confirmation Network. He serves as Commissioner of the Eighth Judicial District Nominating Commission. From 1989 to 1995, Schaffer owned and operated Northern Front Range Marketing and Distribution, a small marketing business serving Colorado's tourism industry. Beginning in 1987, he served nine years in the Colorado State Senate, where he was Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Chairman of the State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Senate Education Committee. From 1997 until early 2003, he represented Colorado's Fourth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Upon his retirement from the Congress, Schaffer was awarded the Benemerenti Medal by His Holiness John Paul II. Schaffer left the Congress to honor a voluntary term-limit pledge he had taken when he first ran. Thereafter he became vice-president for business development at a Denver-based energy company where he was involved in a variety of energy, mining and education projects. He was also a Trustee of Yorktown University. He resigned both positions to run for a seat in the United States Senate in 2008. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from Archbishop Moeller High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Dayton majoring in Political Science. He received an honorary doctorate in Management from Colorado Technical University. He holds a second-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Bob and his wife Dr. Maureen Schaffer (electrical engineer) have five children. The Schaffers are Roman Catholic and are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Collins.

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## Randy DeHoff (R) Vice-Chairman



### ***Sixth Congressional District, Littleton***

Term of Office:

January 1999 - January 2011

Randy DeHoff has served on the Colorado State Board of Education since 1999, representing the Sixth Congressional District. He was reelected to a second six year term in 2004, and will complete his term at the end of 2010. He has served as vice-chairman and chairman of the board between 2001 and 2004, and again as vice chairman from in 2009-2010. He has earned a reputation as a passionate, non-partisan defender of quality public schools for all students, who works effectively to unite the efforts of all stakeholders to that end. After earning a B.S. in physics from the University of Virginia, he served eight years active duty as a navigator and mission commander flying P-3 patrol aircraft throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans. He moved to Colorado in 1984, working as a systems engineer with Martin Marietta. In 1991 he joined XonTech, Inc., where he served as the program manager on several successful rocket launch programs. In February, 2005, DeHoff left the aerospace industry to become the executive director of the newly created Colorado Charter School Institute, a statewide chartering authority. In four and a half years under his leadership the Institute has grown to oversee 18 schools educating over 6,500 students throughout Colorado. He resigned as executive director in October 2009 to seek new innovative challenges in public education. Since joining the state board of education, DeHoff has served on several National Association of State Boards of Education study groups, and on the NASBE Board of Directors. He represented NASBE on the Steering Committee to revise the standards for the 2004 NAEP Math Assessment. The Colorado League of Charter Schools awarded him their Policymaker Charter Friend Award in 2002. DeHoff has further blended his background and interest in science and education through his membership in the American Association of Physics Teachers and National Science Teachers Association. He has authored numerous articles on education for local and national media. In his spare time he enjoys horse-back riding, fly fishing and back-country skiing.

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## Elaine Gantz Berman (D)



### ***1st Congressional District, Denver***

Term of Office:

January 2007 - January 2015

Elaine Gantz Berman, representing Colorado Congressional District 1, was appointed to the Colorado State Board of Education in January 2007 and was elected to a six-year term in November 2008. Berman has dedicated her professional work and community service to improving the lives of Colorado's children. Prior to serving on the state board, she served for eight years on the Denver Board of Education, including four years as president. During her DPS board tenure, Pro-Comp, a new and more meaningful way to compensate teachers and reward improved instruction, was adopted by the Denver teachers and a \$25 million mill levy to support the reform was approved by Denver voters. Also during her board tenure, Denver Public Schools became a leader in promoting choice by approving such high achieving charter schools as Denver School of Science and Technology and West Denver Prep; in revitalizing select neighborhood schools by supporting transformations such as Montclair Elementary School and Hill Middle School; and in opening and expanding new schools/programs such as Academia Anna Marie Sandoval Dual Language Montessori (ECE-6) and Denver Center for International Studies (6 -12.) Berman also Co-Chaired the DPS Commission on School Nutrition and Physical Activity. As a member of the state board of education, Berman was instrumental in the adoption of the state's first Comprehensive Academic Health Education Standards. In her position as a state board member, she works to improve teacher effectiveness and revise state assessments to align with the newly adopted 13 model content standards. Berman is committed to revamping Colorado's education system to reflect the skills required for the 21st century. In addition to her work at the local school district and state level, Berman has served on numerous not-for-profit boards and commissions in Colorado and has helped to found several of the state's most effective organizations including the Colorado Children's Campaign, the Adoption Exchange and the Colorado Non Profit Development Center. Berman has been honored for her community service by local and state organizations. Before serving on the Denver School Board, Berman worked for 18 years as a program officer at the Denver-based Piton Foundation. Berman's life and work has been strongly influenced by her Cuban-born mother, and her two-year stint in Cali, Colombia with her husband, Steve, where they both worked in community health centers, and her extensive experiences in Latin America. Berman is fluent in Spanish and holds a MSPH from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

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## Angelika Schroeder (D)



### ***Second Congressional District, Boulder***

Term of Office:

January 2009 - January 2011

Angelika Schroeder is a former tax CPA and college professor of accounting. For the past 20 years she has also been active in education issues at her daughters' schools, their district and at the state level.

She served from 1999 through 2007 on the Boulder Valley School Board, serving as treasurer and vice president. She was appointed in 1995 by Governor Romer as the parent representative to the Teacher and Special Services Professional Standards Board, an advisory board to the SBE on matters of Colorado teacher education, teacher licensing and professional educator standards.

Schroeder has also served on the boards and executive committees of the Colorado Association of School Boards and the Alliance for Quality Teaching. Until recently she served on the Committee of Practitioners, a CDE advisory group mandated under NCLB. Angelika also participated in the NSBA Federal Relations Network, communicating with members of Colorado's legislative delegation in Washington D.C. on issues regarding NCLB and IDEA.

She is presently the SBE member on the Teacher Quality Commission and the liaison to the Colorado Association of School Boards. She is also a board member of Facing History and Ourselves and the Public Education and Business Coalition.

Schroeder's areas of interest on the SBE are in the areas of budgeting and financial reporting, eliminating Colorado's achievement gap, implementation of the governor's CAP4K legislation and improving teacher services from CDE. She participated in the National Association of State Boards of Education study group on Preparing 21st Century Educators during 2010.

Angelika earned a B.A. in mathematics, an M.B.A. and Ph.D. in accounting, all from the University of Colorado. She and her husband Wayne have two grown daughters who attended neighborhood public schools in Boulder. Both are engaged in science and health education.

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## Marcia Neal (R)



### ***Third Congressional District, Grand Junction***

Term of Office:

January 2009 - January 2015

Marcia Neal was elected to the Colorado State Board of Education for the third congressional district commencing January 13, 2009. Neal grew up on a ranch in Gunnison, Colo. She attended Gunnison schools and earned a B.A. and M.A. from Western State College. She has been a business owner of a bookstore, had a 21-year career in teaching, finishing at Grand Junction High School, where she taught U.S. history and world geography.

She was elected to the board of education for Mesa County School District #51 in 1997 and served eight years. In that capacity she also served on the Colorado Association of School Boards Resolution Legislative Committee and was a consistent voice for educational reform.

She also served on the BOCES Board at the Bishop Campus of Western Colo. Community College (formerly known as UTEC) and was committed to its Career and Technical Focus. In 2005 she was chosen as an All-State Board member, one of five members statewide.

She serves on the Chamber of Commerce Business/Education Partnership Committee and is an active member of the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee.

Neal is a widow with three adult children and seven grandchildren, five of whom attended Colorado public schools, and two grandchildren who reside in Georgia who are home schooled.

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## Peggy Littleton (R)



### ***Fifth Congressional District, Colorado Springs***

Term of Office:

January 2005 - January 2011

February 2004. Her involvement in education spans many years. She taught for 15 years in a variety of educational settings, including home-schooling her three children and serving as a faculty member at Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy and Colorado Springs Christian School. She was also appointed as the director for Colorado's GEAR UP grant, which was administered by the office of Governor Bill Owens.

In her extensive experience as an educational consultant, Peggy has conducted professional staff development seminars for teachers nationwide. Her focus is training teachers to use both data-driven and differentiated instruction in the classroom. Her passion is literacy, for she believes that a child must learn to read in grades K-3 in order to best prepare them for a lifetime of learning. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the Regents University of New York and has numerous graduate hours in literacy and education.

Peggy serves on many boards and commissions, including Read to Achieve, The Dyslexia Center and PACE (Parental Alliance for Choice in Education). Of the awards she has received, she feels most honored to have been given the Charter Friend Award for Policy. Peggy has contributed to many reports published by NASBE, some of which are "E Pluribus Unum (ELL)", "Adolescent Literacy" and "From Planning to Practice (ECE)."

In addition to serving on the state board, Peggy is a commercial real estate consultant in Colorado Springs. She and her husband,

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## Jane Goff (D)



### ***Seventh Congressional District, Arvada***

Term of Office:

March 2008 - January 2015

Jane Goff, representing the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, was elected to fill a vacancy in March 2008 and then elected to a six-year term in November of that year. She is a Colorado native and both a graduate and retired employee of Jefferson County Public Schools, where she enjoyed a 34-year career as a classroom French and Spanish teacher and director of the district's World Languages and International Student Exchange programs. Jane also served two years as president of the Jefferson County Education Association (JCEA) and six years as vice-president of the Colorado Education Association (CEA). Following her retirement in 2006, Jane worked as a legislative aide for the Colorado House of Representatives.

During her years in Jeffco, Jane coordinated the first Teacher Performance Pay pilots and helped to design the *Links for Learning* program, a teacher-employer partnership between the Jeffco Schools and the West Chamber of Commerce. She was the first teacher graduate of Leadership Jefferson County and she served four years as Vice President for Education on the Jefferson Symphony Board of Directors.

In her role as a State Board member, Jane serves on the Read to Achieve Board, the P-20 Council's Preparations & Transitions Subcommittee, the State Advisory Committee on Gifted and Talented and the Colorado State Accountability Network. She also serves on the selection committees for Colorado's Teacher of the Year and the Milken Family Foundation Teaching Award. She is also a liaison to the Colorado School Counselors Association and the State World Language Advisory Council and a member of the Aurora Public Schools P-20 Campus Advisory Council, the Adams County Education Consortium and the Jeffco Schools Strategic Planning Advisory Council.

In October 2009, Jane was elected to represent the Western Region states on the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Board of Directors. She is also the recipient of the 2010 Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers Friend of Foreign Languages Award.

Jane earned her degree in Modern Language Education at Colorado State University and additional graduate hours in school administration and counseling at the University of Colorado.

Jane and her husband Harry, a graduate of Denver Public Schools, have lived in Arvada for 24 years. They enjoy traveling, home improvement projects and spending time with their large extended families who live throughout the U.S.

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