



# **COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Strategic Plan

February 2005 - 2007



# INTRODUCTION

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

At the Board's February 2005 retreat, the following strategic plan was revised from the 2003 plan.

# AUTHORITY

- ❑ Article IX, Section 1 – Colorado Constitution  
The general supervision of the public schools of the state shall be vested in a board of education.
- ❑ Article IX, Section 2 – Colorado Constitution  
The general assembly shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a thorough and uniform system of free public schools throughout the state.
- ❑ 22-2-106 – Colorado Revised Statutes  
It is the duty of the State Board to exercise general supervision over the public schools of the state and the educational programs maintained and operated by all state governmental agencies for persons who have not completed the twelfth-grade level of instruction.

# MISSION

*Charged by the Constitution of the State of Colorado with the general supervision of the public schools,*

**The mission of the Colorado State Board of Education is to provide all of Colorado's children equal access to quality, thorough, uniform, well-rounded educational opportunities in a safe and civil learning environment.**

# VISION

*By accomplishing this mission,*

**All children in Colorado will become educated and productive citizens.**

# VALUES

- ❑ Maximum achievement for all students
- ❑ Safe and civil learning environment
  - Disciplined environment
  - Respect for others
  - Setting good examples
- ❑ Classic, well-rounded strong academic education
- ❑ Equal access to learning
- ❑ Parent and community involvement
- ❑ Education that encourages all students to become:
  - Productive citizens
  - Lifelong learners
  - Able to reach their full potential
- ❑ Continuous progress toward all of these values

# GOALS & OBJECTIVES

## 1. Fulfill our role as the state's educational authority.

- a. Lead the conversation on the evolution of the public education system.
- b. Positively and proactively impact state and federal legislation.
- c. Continue and strengthen our partnerships with and leadership within the educational community.
- d. Optimize and responsibly exercise our authority.

## 2. Maintain commitment to and support of accountability reform and accreditation.

- a. Develop and advance a plan to close the achievement gap.
- b. Prioritize, increase and coordinate resources to support our field services.
- c. Take leadership in the implementation, connection and coordination of state standards.
- d. Advance the collection and utilization of relevant and objective data about public education.
- e. Encourage the integrated delivery of educational services.

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- 3. Take a leadership role in improving the long-term financial stability of education funding.**
  - a. Play a constructive role in developing a comprehensive school finance solution.
  - b. Participate in prioritization and protection of the budget, including libraries.
  - c. Continue our leadership in and educating the public about the School Lands Trust issue.
- 4. Improve educator quality, recruitment, retention, and placement.**
  - a. Improve quality and accountability of preparation programs.
  - b. Support professional development that increases student achievement through teacher quality.



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## **5. Improve choice opportunities for Colorado students.**

- a. Increase access to online programs.
- b. Increase accountability of online programs through Accreditation
- c. Support implementation of accountability measures that apply to all choice models.
- d. Adhere to the Board's position statement on the Principles of School Choice.

# EVALUATION

- ❑ Board leadership will identify goals discussed on meeting agendas.
- ❑ Board leadership will periodically review agendas to ensure all goals are addressed.
- ❑ The Board will review its strategic plan and evaluate its progress at each retreat twice yearly.