



COLORADO

State Board of Education

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House and Senate Education Committees
Colorado State Capitol
200 E. Colfax Ave
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August 30, 2016

Dear Honorable Members of the House and Senate Education Committees:

This letter is being submitted pursuant to 22-2-106(1)(b.5) Colorado Revised Statutes, which states:

“(1) It is the duty of the state board: To review and evaluate annually the job performance of the commissioner of education using procedures and criteria determined by the state board. The procedures and criteria shall include, at a minimum, consideration of the comments and opinions of school district superintendents and school board members regarding the commissioner’s job performance. The state board shall report the results of its evaluation to the education committees of the house of representatives and senate, or any successor committees.”

22-2-110(5) Colorado Revised Statutes further states:

“(5) The state board shall annually review and evaluate the job performance of the commissioner, as provided in section 22-2-106(b.5), and report the results of its evaluation to the public and the education committees of the house of representatives and senate, or any successor committees.”

The Colorado Department of Education began the year under the leadership of Interim-Commissioner Elliott Asp. Effective January 19, 2016, the State Board approved the hiring of Richard Crandall as the new Commissioner of Education. However, Commissioner Crandall resigned in May of 2016, before an annual evaluation of him could be conducted. At that time, the State Board of Education appointed Dr. Katy Anthes as Interim Commissioner for the balance of the year.

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Since the Colorado Department of Education currently has an acting commissioner and has not had a permanent commissioner for most of the last year, it is not possible to do an adequate commissioner evaluation at this time.

Consequently, the State Board of Education Office is unable to submit an acceptable commissioner evaluation summary and letter this year.

Thank you for your understanding during this transition period.

Sincerely,



Steve Durham, Chairman
5th Congressional District
On Behalf of the State Board of Education

