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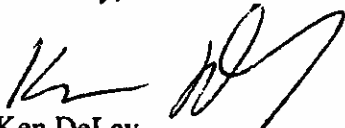
Dear Secretary Duncan:

As Executive Director of the Colorado Association of School Boards, I am writing to express my support for the application being submitted by the Colorado Department of Education for a Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) grant.

It is a strategic objective of the Colorado Department of Education as well as the Colorado Association of School Boards to provide the best possible educational advantage for all students. In that endeavor, a continuing commitment to academic rigor, relevance and accountability along with a level of cooperation and collaboration between and among our education system and other segments is critical. This proposal will equip users to manage and use information for informed decision-making ensuring all students in Colorado are ready for post-secondary education and workforce success.

The Colorado Association of School Boards supports the commitment of the Colorado Department of Education to provide comprehensive and meaningful data to Colorado educators in their efforts to help all children reach their educational potential. I hope you will consider Colorado's proposal and see what a valuable investment you could make in our state.

Sincerely,


Ken DeLay
Executive Director