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Colorado Staff Development Council  
c/o Chrysann McBride  
P.O. Box 1289  
Morrison, CO

Dear Colorado Staff Development Council,

Working to improve public education is no small task, but I know it's one the Colorado Staff Development Council takes on every day to help our state's teachers in ways big and small. This is important work because when we invest in our teachers and our students, we're investing in Colorado's future.

During my time at Denver Public Schools, Chrisanne LaHue's great work made a huge difference at Bruce Randolph, and though we have lost her to D.C. schools, I am confident that her friends at the Council who remain will follow her great example.

As may be the case with many of you, I joined Denver Public Schools with a sense that what was happening in our schools was unfair. My experience there left me with a profound sense of urgency to change what is unfair and fundamentally unjust. We cannot afford to fail. In the meantime, I offer my support to you as your Senator and as a father of three daughters who, like millions of other kids, will depend on what we can accomplish on their behalf.

Right now, I am working on legislation that I hope will support you in your work to recruit, develop, and retain the most effective teachers. In the Senate, I will work with my colleagues, Education Secretary Arne Duncan and those committed to reform to ensure we are supporting the work you are doing on behalf of kids, spurring innovation, and replicating what works. Most importantly, I will be working with all of you as well as our parents, teachers, and community members committed to improving the lives of kids. Thank you for your efforts to improve education.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet  
United States Senator

