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More than 400 Education Leaders Convene in Vail to Guide Education Improvement in Colorado

DENVER, CO – [The Colorado Education Initiative](http://coloradoedinitiative.org) (CEI) and the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) brought together nearly 400 education teachers, principals and other stakeholders from 80 school districts and organizations from across the state at the 2014 Integration Showcase.

“The 2014 Integration Showcase provided a platform for educators to engage in innovative discussions, share challenges and discover new ideas to enhance learning and increase student achievement,” said Dr. Helayne Jones, President and CEO of The Colorado Education Initiative.

The Showcase featured 71 sessions presented by experts in The Colorado Education Initiative’s areas of work: Educator Effectiveness, Colorado Legacy Schools, Health and Wellness, Next Generation Learning and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

The Colorado Education Initiative’s Integration Districts also were recognized for their important role serving as learning laboratories on how best to integrate new standards, assessments and educator evaluations. The Showcase highlighted the powerful work of the Integration Districts, including how:

- The Centennial School District, a small rural district, is using existing resources in new and creative ways to enhance teaching and learning and harnessing the power of teacher leadership, collaboration and systems thinking.
- Teachers are leading the way in the Thompson School District as they work with school and district leaders to thoughtfully integrate standards, assessments and educator evaluations.
- The nine member districts of the San Juan BOCES, ranging from western Colorado farming communities to larger rural regional centers, have increased collaboration and access to professional development opportunities.

“These districts have been an integral part of our work to create an innovative education climate where every Colorado student has a chance for success,” said Jones.

Learn more about The Colorado Education Initiative at coloradoedinitiative.org.

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About The Colorado Education Initiative

The Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) is an independent nonprofit working in partnership with the Colorado Department of Education and public education stakeholders to accelerate bold improvement in student achievement through innovation, collaboration, and capacity building. CEI believes that increased student achievement for all Colorado students requires effective leaders in every school, effective educators in every classroom and healthy and engaging environments that ignite a passion for learning in every student.