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Colorado Education Initiative Receives Funding to Increase the Number of Colorado Students in Advanced Placement Courses

DENVER, CO – The Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) announced today two contributions from the Anschutz Foundation and El Pomar Foundation to support CEI's Colorado Legacy Schools initiative, which focuses on increasing the number and diversity of students succeeding in Advanced Placement (AP) math, science, and English courses.

"These investments will allow our Colorado Legacy Schools initiative to achieve dramatic outcomes for students in high school and beyond," said Dr. Helayne Jones, President and CEO of the Colorado Education Initiative. "We appreciate our community's generous support of this innovative model."

The Colorado Legacy Schools initiative supports students in both geographically and demographically diverse schools to increase accessibility and success in rigorous math, science, and English AP courses. The initiative provides funding for extensive teacher training, student exam fees, classroom equipment and supplies, awards for those who excel, and extra time on task for students during Saturday study sessions.

The Anschutz Foundation's grant will help recruit students for rigorous AP courses and will support schools with technology to offer AP courses. These funds also will support students with additional time on task and support teachers with professional development focused on differentiating rigorous content to diverse groups of students.

El Pomar Foundation's contribution will support professional development for teachers and additional time on task for students at CEI's Colorado Legacy Schools. El Pomar's grant will help to expand the Colorado Legacy Schools program to rural schools in mountain and southern regions. Funds will help to incorporate the use of technology and distance learning to ensure that rural students and teachers receive support for more personalized learning.

Initial funding for the Colorado Legacy Schools initiative was provided by the U.S. Department of Defense and Exxon Mobil Corporation. These investments led to CEI receiving the Investing in Innovation (i3) Grant through the U.S. Department of Education to expand this work throughout the nation.

To learn more about the Colorado Legacy Schools program, please click [here](#).

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About The Colorado Education Initiative

The Colorado Education Initiative (CEI) is an independent non-profit 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. CEI equips teachers, leaders, and organizations with the knowledge, tools, guidance, and resources to drive improvement outcomes while creating the conditions to innovate together, share knowledge, and explore new possibilities. CEI works to accelerate the achievement of a high-quality K-12 educational system that ensures the success of every educator, leader and student.