



The Colorado Coalition  
of Cyberschool Families

This year's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Cyberschools' Day at the Capitol was a day full of learning, socializing, and celebrating our choice in this public school option. Students, parents, families, teachers, administrators, friends and supporters of online education gathered to show our legislators that cyber schools are an important part of the public education system and to celebrate this choice.

My sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the following people who helped to make this such a successful event:

Thank you to...

- All of the wonderful Colorado cyberschool families for joining us
- All of our incredible administrators, teachers, friends and supporters of online for joining us
- The Board members of the Colorado Coalition of Cyber School Families for your support: Colette Juniper, Vice President, Selina Myers, Treasurer, Lisa Hug, Secretary, Jesse Salazar and April Riggs
- Colorado Cyberschool Association: Especially Judith Stokes for her leadership and input
- Senate President Peter Groff for all of your endless support over the years
- Speaker of the House, Terrance Carroll, one of our cyber school champions, for your undying support of our choice in education, and for taking the time to join our families yesterday at the capitol
- Randy DeHoff, Head of the Charter School Institute and Vice-Chair of the State Board of Education, for speaking to our families and sharing in our day
- Pamela Ice and Della Shorman of the Division of Online Learning for coming out to join us for the day
- Rick Weaver, COVA dad, for presenting the State Government Class
- Eric Anderson, SE2, for presenting the Talking to Your Legislator Class
- Pam Benigno, Education Policy Center Director for the Independence Institute, for teaching us about choice in education in Colorado and for your powerful presentation on Parent Power
- Christine Beard, VP of the National Coalition for Public School Options and Derek Flowers, management of the NCPSO, for joining us from out of state
- Sean Cooney, sophomore with Colorado Virtual Academy, for sharing your story with our families
- Capitol staff for supporting our event including tour leaders, sergeants, and janitorial staff
- Colorado State Troopers

And a very big thank you to Olivia Gallegos and Kate Drazner, our Coalition management team, for coordinating our event and ensuring that our day at the capitol was a memorable one.

Please visit our website to join our coalition and for updates and current information,  
<http://www.coloradocyberfamilies.org/>.

I look forward to our Cyberschools' Day at the Capitol again next year with all of our wonderful families and the new families that choose this option for their children.

Thank you,

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