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Superintendent

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To Whom It May Concern,

As you know the governor has proposed, in the school finance act, a \$3m initiative to promote talent pipelining of teachers to non-urban schools in Colorado. In Eagle County we are reliant on all types of creative methods to ensure the very best teachers for our students.

This proposal would allow us to work with vendors, such as Teach For America, to help meet our need of highly talented and dedicated teachers.

As you consider this, please be aware of the needs of non-urban districts and consider this as a possible piece of the solution.

Sincerely,

Sandra B. Smyser, Ph.D.
Superintendent, Eagle County Schools

Moffat Consolidated School District No. 2

Saguache County

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As you know the governor has proposed, in the school finance act, a \$3m initiative to promote talent pipelining of teachers to non-urban schools in Colorado. In the San Louis Valley we are reliant on all types of creative methods to ensure the very best teachers for our students. Many times the lack of qualified instructional staff is a major struggle for rural districts.

The Quality Teacher Pipeline would allow us to work with vendors, such as Teach For America, to help meet our need of highly talented and dedicated teachers.

As you consider this, please be aware of the needs of non-urban districts and consider this as a possible piece of the solution.

Sincerely,



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As the superintendent of Pueblo City Schools, I would like to express my appreciation of Governor Hickenlooper's recommendation to include, as part of the current Colorado School Finance legislation, a \$3 million initiative to promote the pipeline of teachers..

Through this initiative, Teach for America would complement our recruitment portfolio. Specifically, this program will enhance our ability to recruit math and science teachers. These content areas have been a challenge to recruit to our district.

We look forward with anticipation to the passage of the legislation and our opportunity to partner with Teach for America.

Maggie Lopez, Ph.D.

Superintendent of Schools