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Good afternoon Superintendents and BOCES Directors,

I hope you are all doing well and taking good care of yourselves during this super busy time of the year! I have some exciting news to share about a new member of my executive team here at CDE. Dr. Rhonda Haniford, who many of you know from her work at Greeley-Evan School District, starts today as CDE's new Associate Commissioner of School Quality and Support.

Rhonda will lead the division that is comprised of the offices of Accountability & Data Analysis, Unified Improvement Planning, School and District Support, and Schools of Choice. Together, these offices offer support to you throughout the cycle of continuous improvement.

Rhonda comes to CDE with over 22 years of public education experience, most recently as assistant superintendent of secondary leadership in the Greeley-Evans School District. Prior to that, she was principal at Centaurus High School in Boulder Valley, where she worked for nine years. She has also served as an English language teacher, assistant principal and principal in school districts in Missouri and Colorado.

As a principal and assistant superintendent, Dr. Haniford increased four-year graduation rates and decreased dropout rates, including a 98% four-year graduation rate while at Centaurus. Through a shared strategic plan, she collaborated with the greater school community of staff, industry leaders, colleges and city and county officials to develop crucial career pathways for students, resulting in college coursework, industry certifications, internships and apprenticeships.

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Sincerely,

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.
Commissioner

