

# LGBAC Education Policy Statement

## Adopted by the Chamber Board of Directors September 2008 Philosophy

A premier educational system that provides a skilled and dynamic local work force is necessary for Greeley's future economic competitiveness and quality of life. The Greeley Chamber believes that accountability and competition are keys to improving the educational system in Greeley. The Greeley Chamber believes that Greeley's work force must embrace life-long learning and Greeley's educational institutions should be recognized as the best at providing the same.

## Policies

Consistent with its Education Philosophy the Greeley Chamber of Commerce will:

### General

- Support adequate funding for education.
- Support a safe and drug free environment.
- Encourage and facilitate collaborative efforts between UNC, Aims and District 6 to enhance the educational effectiveness of all three institutions.
- Encourage regional collaboration to provide enhanced educational opportunities for our students and educators.

### K-12

- Support initiatives, which provide and enhance opportunities for learning and development for all students in their earliest years.
- Support measurable achievement standards and programs, which demand accountability to appropriately prepare students for college or other post-secondary work.
- Encourage open communication between the teachers union and District 6 Administration.
- Recognize that charter and private schools complement the education of students within the boundaries of district 6.
- Support the objective of the Greeley Evans School District 6 Strategic Plan and the District 6 Comprehensive Accountability System.

### Post-Secondary

- Support continued efforts to expand the relationship between the business and education community in support of workforce development, research, and emerging technological advancements at Aim's Community College and the University of Northern Colorado.
- Support efforts designed to increase enrollment in Greeley's post-secondary institutions.
- Support life-long learning and retraining opportunities for Greeley's local workforce.
- Support and promote scholarship programs in our community.

### **Action Items**

- Monitor and verify implementation of District 6 Strategic Plan and Accountability System.
- Continue to grow the Junior Leadership Weld County program, and offer program at the high school level for 09-10 school year.
- Form an umbrella group to oversee all education activities
- Implement Bi-Annual State of the School District Program
- Assist with providing quality UNC campus visits (Freshman)
- Organize Aims and UNC campus visits for Greeley middle school students
- Continue growth and enhancement of Better Schools Better Communities Program by implementing or expanding the following:
  - Business/School partnerships
  - Internships/job shadowing programs
  - Recognize teachers and students that perform at an extraordinary level
  - Create a community-wide program supported by the business community that recognizes students who achieve proficiency in all areas as measured by CSAP