

Local Government Business Affairs Committee Education Policy Statement

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Philosophy

Desirable communities require quality public schools dedicated to high performance and accountability. Greeley's economic competitiveness and quality of life depend on their success. Therefore, we support a premier educational system that prepares its graduates to contribute to the skilled and dynamic work force of the future and to the vitality of this community.

We believe that:

- Greeley's education systems should be efficient, effective, responsive, innovative and high-performing.
- All students should exit public education in Greeley equipped for success in post-secondary education, the workplace and civic life.
- Teachers, administrators and elected leaders at every level of public education should do their best to anticipate and serve the future workforce needs of Greeley's economy.

The business community believes in timely and continuous improvement to the education system. We support an ambitious, aggressive and comprehensive agenda to dramatically increase the college and workforce readiness of all students. We believe in bold and decisive action.

Principles

- Relentless Focus on Student Achievement – Decisions should place the highest priority on the best outcomes for students.
- Great Teachers and Leaders – We will support effective policies and practices to recruit, develop, retain and support highly effective teachers and leaders in every school. As far as possible, management decisions should be driven by verifiable data and evidence.
- High Performing Schools – We support a portfolio of high performing public schools that provides all students access to a superior education.
- Continuous Improvement/Accountability Requirements – To best prepare students for college and career, we support meaningful and measurable achievement standards and programs that demand accountability. Our public

education system will be thoroughly integrated from early childhood through post-secondary.

Policies

Consistent with its Education Philosophy and Principles, the Greeley Chamber of Commerce will support:

- Funding options that allow for a premier educational system
- Collaborative efforts between educational institutions to enhance the educational effectiveness of all institutions
- Learning and development opportunities for all children in their earliest years
- Expansion of the relationship between the business and education community
- Targeted efforts to increase enrollment in Greeley's post-secondary institutions
- Life-long learning and retraining opportunities for Greeley's local workforce
- Scholarship programs in our community

The Chamber will continue to invest in Elementary and Secondary education through productive programs such as:

- Business/School partnerships
- Internships/field experiences/job shadowing
- Recognition of superior teaching and learning
- State of the School District events
- School visits
- The Success Foundation
- The College Promise
- G-Town Promise
 - Young Leaders Summit
 - Career Pathways
 - Crown Jewels Busing Program
 - Early College High School