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## Bennet for America Announces "Educators for Bennet" Endorsements, including Former DNC General Chair & LA Superintendent Roy Romer

**DENVER** — Bennet for America today announced "Educators for Bennet," with endorsements from 75 educators from across the country, including former General Chair of the DNC, Colorado Governor, and Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Roy Romer. This new group reflects Michael Bennet's years of leadership on education, including as the former Superintendent of Denver Public Schools, a district with 95,000 students and a \$1 billion budget.

"Michael has never lost the values that made him an extraordinary Superintendent: honesty, empathy, and a deep faith in the potential of every child in America," **said Romer**. "Securing a brighter future for the next generation starts by understanding why our schools fail so many students. Nobody's better qualified than Michael to reimagine the current system and put children on a path to success. He will be the education president America needs."

Under Bennet's leadership, the Denver Public Schools increased student learning, grew student enrollment, decreased dropout rates, and improved graduation rates and college enrollment. As a member of the Senate committee that oversees education, Bennet was instrumental in the 2015 passage of the sweeping, bipartisan overhaul of No Child Left Behind.

Romer is joined by 74 other education professionals including teachers, principals, and professors from across the country in endorsing Bennet:

- Peter Groff (Former Director for the Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships Center, U.S. Department of Education)
- Elaine Gantz Berman (Former Colorado State Board of Education Member)
- Jaime Aquino (Former Deputy Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District)
- Tom Boasberg (Former Superintendent, Denver Public Schools)

- Margaret Serna (Executive Director of Title I, Scottsdale Unified School District)
- Jocelyn Alexander (Warrenton, VA)
- Brian Alford (College Station, TX)
- Barbara Allen (Denver, CO)
- Will Lee Ashley (Denver, CO)
- Abby Averill (Sandstone, WV)
- Jonathan Averill (Sandstone, WV)
- Larry Beall (Des Moines, IA)
- Brandon Becker (Highland Park, IL)
- John Belcaster (Chicago, IL)
- Megan Bertron (Denver, CO)
- Robert Bibens (Des Moines, IA)
- Ric Blackwell (Jupiter, FL)
- Robert Burr (Dayton, NV)
- Lisa Cameron (Denver, CO)
- Patrick Casey (Newberry, SC)
- Connie Casson (Denver, CO
- Michael Chasalow (Los Angeles, CA)
- Tim Clay (Norwalk, IA)
- Sarah Clemmitt (Randolph, NH)
- Kathryn Dick (Persia, IA)
- Rob Dilworth (Denver, CO)
- Nathaniel Easley (Denver, CO)
- James Ehrenhaft (Washington, DC)
- Charity Ferreira (Oakland, CA)
- Veronica Figoli (Denver, CO)
- Deb Fox-Gliessman (Highlands Ranch, CO)
- Dorothy George (Pagosa Springs, CO)
- Dianne Gilmore (Norwalk, CT)
- Ed Glassman (Denver, CO)
- Bruce Hamilton (Colorado Springs, CO)
- Marcia Hayward (Laconia, NH)
- Stalker Henderson (Denver, CO)
- Mary Holland (Iowa City, IA)
- Kathleen Hollar (Charlotte, NC)
- Bruce Hoyt (Denver, CO)
- Ben Jackson (Detroit, MI)
- Mike Johnson (Denver, CO)
- David Jopp (Hannover, NH)
- Sarah Kabourek (Chicago, IL)
- Valeri Kershaw (Denver, CO)
- Kari Kirkpatrick (Palo Alto, CA)
- William Kohut (Denver, CO)
- Martin Krasney (Sausalito, CA)
- Bill Kurtz (Denver, CO)

- Chrisanne LaHue (Washington, DC)
- Kathleen Latham (Merrimack, NH)
- Henry Marquard (Muscatine, IA)
- Sharon Marquard (Muscatine, IA)
- Marty Meek (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- Juanita Moses (Fountain Inn, SC)
- Avery Olesen (Menlo Park, CA)
- Theresa Pena (Denver, CO)
- Lucy Pfeffer (Denver, CO)
- Susan Resnick (Centennial, CO)
- Rosemary Rodriguez (Denver, CO)
- Christopher Roellke (Salt Point, NY)
- Mary Rubadeau (Telluride, CO)
- John Schafer (Menlo Park, CA)
- Susan Schreiber (Littleton, CO)
- Susan Schulten (Denver, CO)
- Kesho Scott (Grinnell, IA)
- Julia Miller Shepherd (Denver, CO)
- Wayne Smart (Denver, CO)
- Kristin Steingreaber (Keosauqua, IA)
- Laura Thomson (Atlanta, GA)
- Michael Wald (San Francisco, CA)
- Kristin Waters (Denver, CO)
- Catherine Wilkins (Evergreen, CO)
- Patricia Woodard (Reno, NV)

Read more about Bennet's record on education as Superintendent and in the Senate <u>here</u>.

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