Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- Updates to Commissioner's Leadership Team
- Registration Open: CDE Leadership Learning Cohorts 2026-27

Updates to Commissioner's Leadership Team

With the new fiscal year, I have made some shifts in my leadership team and want to share those with you. You can also click here for contact information and areas of oversight for our senior department leaders.

- **Dr. Margarita Tovar** will move into the role of Deputy Commissioner of Policy and Talent, overseeing the Educator Talent Division, the Human Resources team, the Office of State Board Relations, and the Policy Team.
- **Shelbie Konkel** will shift to the role of Deputy Commissioner of Strategy and Finance. In addition to overseeing the Strategy Office, Shelbie will now also lead the budget and financial operations teams, along with the IMS team, with direct supervision of Chief Information and Innovation Officer Dr. DJ Loerzel and Chief Finance Officer Wayne Peel.
- **Emma Garrett-Nelson** will take on leadership of the Colorado State Library team and direct supervision of the State Librarian in addition to continuing to lead our Communications Division.

Registration Open: CDE Leadership Learning Cohorts 2026-27

Looking for practical tools, peer collaboration, and a professional network focused on improving outcomes for students? Our Leadership Learning Cohorts bring together school and district leaders for year-long, collaborative leadership professional learning. We have three cohorts currently open for registration: chronic absenteeism, elementary ELA Leadership, and multilingual learner leadership.

Thanks,

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