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### **Adventure Elementary receives a 2010 Centers of Excellence**

(Thornton/Denver) - Adventure Elementary was selected to receive a 2010 Centers of Excellence Award from the Colorado Department of Education. The Centers of Excellence Awards are distributed annually to those schools in the state that demonstrate the highest rates of student academic growth and enroll a student population that is at least 75 percent at-risk. This program was authorized by the Colorado State Legislature in 2009 and only 32 schools in the state were identified to receive this award.

"These schools maximize every precious classroom minute and make no excuses," said Commissioner Jones in a Colorado Department of Education press release. "They are doing whatever it takes to reach each child's academic needs and setting the pace for all schools statewide. We send our congratulations to these schools and also our thanks for serving as shining examples of focus and commitment."

The 2010 Centers of Excellence award winners will be celebrated at an event to be held Thursday, Dec. 9 at the Colorado Department of Education featuring Gov. Bill Ritter, Colorado State Board of Education Vice-Chair Randy DeHoff, Commissioner Jones and Associate Commissioner Richard Wenning.

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