



Fully Funding Colorado's Public Schools

Putting Students, Teachers, and Working Families First

Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their ZIP code. That begins with strong public schools.

Public education is one of the most important responsibilities of state government. Our schools prepare the next generation of workers, entrepreneurs, military members, first responders, healthcare professionals, and community leaders. Investing in education is an investment in Colorado's future.

Unfortunately, Colorado continues to rank near the bottom nationally in school funding. Teachers are leaving the profession, class sizes are growing, and schools are struggling to meet students' increasingly complex academic, behavioral, and mental health needs.

Colorado can, and must, do better.

My Commitment

If elected, I will make fully funding K-12 public education one of my highest legislative priorities.

That means ensuring every student has access to excellent teachers, safe schools, modern classrooms, up-to-date instructional materials, school counselors and nurses, mental health services, career and technical education opportunities, and extracurricular activities that help students thrive. Every child deserves these opportunities—not just students who happen to live in wealthier districts.

Supporting the Professionals Who Teach Our Children

Teachers, counselors, bus drivers, custodians, paraprofessionals, office staff, and school nurses are the backbone of our education system.

Colorado faces a serious educator shortage because many professionals are leaving the field due to low pay, increasing workloads, and growing administrative burdens.

I support:

- Competitive compensation
- Adequate planning time
- Manageable class sizes
- Respecting educators as professionals

- Including educators in policymaking
- Protecting workers' rights and collective bargaining

Funding Schools Before Politics

Education should never be treated as an afterthought in the state budget. Strong schools strengthen our workforce, improve economic competitiveness, reduce crime, increase property values, attract employers, and build stronger communities. Fully funding public education is one of the smartest long-term investments Colorado can make.

Student Success Means Supporting the Whole Child

Schools need counselors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and behavioral health professionals so teachers can focus on teaching while students receive the support they need.

Accountability That Helps Students

Parents deserve accountability, but accountability should improve education—not simply create paperwork. Education policies should be regularly reviewed with educator input and accompanied by adequate funding rather than unfunded mandates.

Local Communities Should Have a Voice

State government should establish high standards while respecting the role of locally elected school boards. Charter schools should complement—not undermine—our public education system and operate with transparency and accountability.

My Priorities

- Fully fund Colorado's public schools.
- Recruit and retain excellent teachers and education professionals.
- Reduce unnecessary administrative burdens and unfunded mandates.
- Expand access to school counselors, nurses, and mental health services.
- Maintain safe, welcoming learning environments.
- Respect local school boards and educator expertise.
- Prepare every student for success in college, careers, military service, or skilled trades.

Putting Working Families First

Every family deserves confidence that their neighborhood public school will provide an excellent education. Strong public schools create stronger neighborhoods, stronger businesses, and a stronger Colorado. Investing in education isn't about politics—it's about keeping our promise to the next generation.