

# Acceptance Speech

Kaye Ferry - Nominated for Colorado Board of Education

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My friend Jack Taylor told me to make it short and never promise anything. I'll follow at least half of his advice - the short part.

We all know our education system is broken and needs to be fixed.

National test scores are abysmal.

We don't even fall in the top 10% in literacy among industrialized nations.

And the challenges are enormous.

Managing a diverse population requires a delicate but forceful balancing act.

We have a philosophy of political correctness that is crippling the system.

And we are ruled by liberal policies that are confusing our goals.

Education is the greatest gift we can give our children and the path we take in providing that gift indicates the path the country will take in the future.

Moreover, the value of a good education has never been more important than it is today as we're no longer just meeting internal challenges but competition from across the globe.

So what will I do?

I don't have specifics yet but starting next month I'll be attending the State Board of Education meetings to try to get ahead of the curve.

Now I will make some promises.

When I win, I promise to be accessible to my constituents and to work hard in studying the issues.

And I'll bring a conservative and objective perspective to the job because the future of our kids and our country depends on it.

Again, my name is Kaye Ferry and I'm asking for your vote in November