



# The Colorado State Board of Education



# Who We Are - State Board Members

Composed of 9 elected officials, each elected to 6-year terms. Eight members are elected to represent their congressional district and one member is elected at large.



**Lisa Escarcega (D)**, 1<sup>st</sup> Cong. District, Denver

**Kathy Gephhardt (D)**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cong. District, Boulder

**Sherri Wright (R)**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cong. District, Cortez

**Kristi Burton Brown (R)**, 4<sup>th</sup> Cong. District, Lone Tree

**Steve Durham (R)**, 5<sup>th</sup> Cong. District, Colo. Springs

**Rebecca McClellan (D)**, 6<sup>th</sup> Cong. District, Centennial

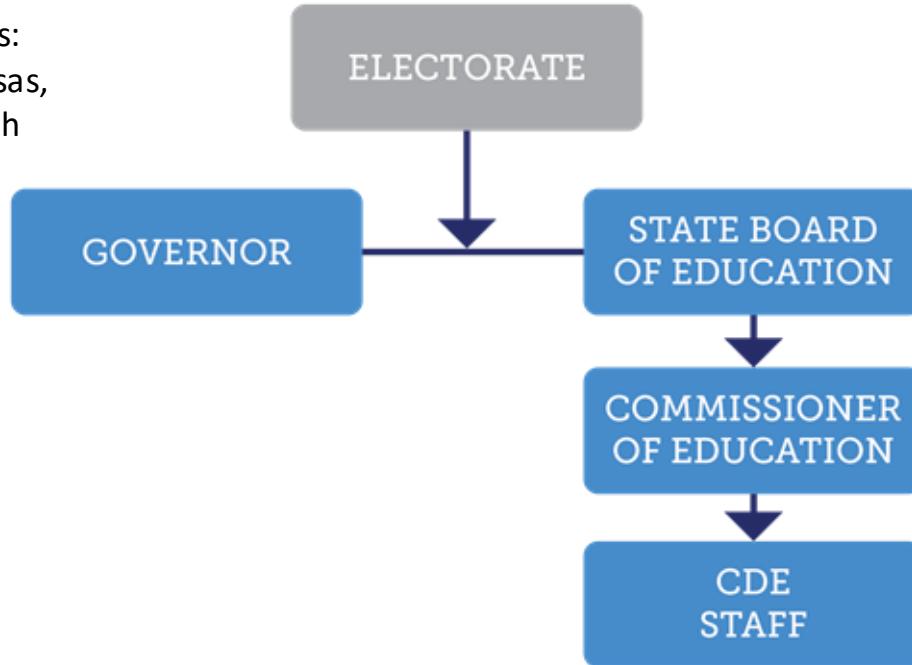
**Karla Esser (D)**, 7<sup>th</sup> Cong. District, Arvada

**Yasmin Navarro (R)**, 8<sup>th</sup> Cong. District, Johnstown

**Kathy Plomer (D)**, At-large Member

# Colorado's Education Governance Model

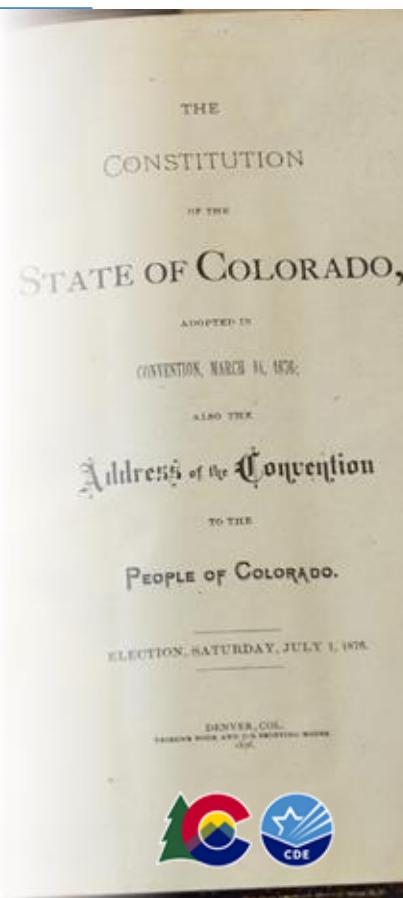
Model shared by 6 states:  
Alabama, Colorado, Kansas,  
Michigan, Nebraska, Utah



# State Board of Education Constitutional Authority

The Colorado Constitution, in Article IX, Section 1, states:

***"The general supervision of the public schools of the state shall be vested in a board of education whose powers and duties shall be as now or hereafter prescribed by law."***



# State Board Statutory Authority

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Title 22 of the Colorado Revised Statutes outlines the roles and responsibilities of the state board, including:

*Overseeing  
Commissioner and  
Department of  
Education*

*Adopting state  
standards,  
assessments and  
graduation guidelines*

*Evaluating and  
monitoring school  
performance (i.e.,  
annual targets, district  
accreditation, etc.)*

*Adopting rules for  
education programs  
and grants*

*Adopting educator  
performance  
standards and  
licensure requirements*

*Hearing charter school  
appeals*

*Approving grant  
recipients and  
amounts*

*Granting waivers from  
state education  
statutes*