



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

CONGRATULATIONS CHERYL WALKER

November 11, 2008

House District 19 is home to many citizens that reflect the energy, compassion and hard work of our district. One of these individuals is Superintendent Cheryl Walker from Fountain-Fort Carson School District #8. Superintendent Walker has recently been appointed as the first Colorado Commissioner of the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunities for Military Children.

This year I sponsor HB1317, a bill designed to address the challenges military families encounter with educational enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation requirements. The main reason for these challenges is the frequency of moves parents make while actively employed by the military. It is estimated that our military children move 6-9 times between kindergarten and 12th grade. Moves that often involve the children relocating to a different school, in a different state, with different curriculum, graduation and attendance requirements.

HB1317 sets up the framework for states through the Interstate Compact Commission to establish priorities, standards and uniformity for educational policies essential for the success of our military children. Superintendent Walker was appointed by Governor Ritter on October 7, 2008 to represent Colorado as our Compact Commissioner.

As a result of her vast knowledge and experience, compact members representing other states on the Interstate Compact Committee have selected Superintendent Walker as the **Chairman** of the Interstate Compact. Our District, County and State are proud of Superintendent Walker and thank her for her service as a Commissioner and Chairman of the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunities for Military Children.

If you are having difficulties paying your utility bills, join us for a discussion on the Low Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) scheduled for November 18th, 7:00 pm, at the Fountain Branch Library located at 230 South Main Street. We will be discussing the requirements and assisting individuals in preparing their LEAP application and Rent/Utility/Rebate form.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family,

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