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### **JEFFCO SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT APPROVED**

The Jefferson County Board of Education has approved a new contract for current superintendent of schools, Dr. Cindy Stevenson. Under the terms of the agreement, Stevenson will stay in her position until June 30, 2012 and will be paid a salary of \$205,000. The new contract does not provide any increase in salary, bonus opportunity or benefits from Dr. Stevenson's prior contract.

Stevenson will pay all of her own expenses including travel, mileage, and any other expenses incurred during her role as superintendent. She is also eligible for a performance-based bonus of up to \$20,000. However, under the terms of the contract, the superintendent may refuse the bonus, which she has done for the past two years because of budget concerns.

Stevenson was named the 2009 Colorado Superintendent of the Year and was a runner-up for the national title.