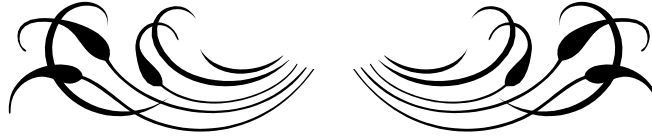


Office of the Mayor

Commerce City, Colorado

Proclamation



WHEREAS, public education is the bedrock of our democracy, fundamental to individual opportunity, and the key to Colorado's economic recovery, prosperity and future; and

WHEREAS, Commerce City will thrive when every student graduates as a contributing, well-rounded, well-prepared citizen and life-long learner; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has faced multiple years of budget shortfalls, resulting in over \$2.6 billion in cumulative cuts to P-12 & higher education funding; and

WHEREAS, these cuts impede the ability of our school districts to implement all the strategies necessary to ensure the successful educational experience of every student; and

WHEREAS, local and federal funding sources cannot overcome recent budget cuts and chronic state underfunding; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of organizations throughout Colorado have joined together to demand meaningful legislative action in 2013 toward improved investment in Colorado's schools, colleges and universities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, on behalf of City Council, joins with the Year of the Student Project in calling on the future members of the 69th General Assembly to make 2013 the "Year of the Student," by using the 2013 legislative session to create and find funding for a public education finance system that matches reforms, mandates, and accountability measures with the resources necessary to make all students successful.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Bauer, CMC, City Clerk

Date: _____