

February 17, 2009

President Kay Norton University of Northern Colorado Carter 4000, Campus Box 59 Greeley, CO 80639

Dear President Norton:

Adams State College is pleased to support Senate Bill 09-032, creation of the Education innovation Institute at the University of Northern Colorado.

As a recipient of two degrees from UNC, I am especially happy to support this proposal. The University has a clear niche to train educational personnel in Colorado and this institute formalizes it responsibility to collaborate with other institutions, discover and study innovations in teaching and learning and advocate for innovations in educational delivery methods. Moreover, too often in Colorado legislation is introduced which has the potential to affect how we train educators without hard data on probable outcomes. This Institute could serve as a virtual incubator for such ideas prior to those ideas becoming law.

I support this legislation without reservation and would be happy to testify on UNC's behalf in this regard.

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Sincerely,

Dr. David Svaldi

President

cc: Gil Romero, VP Mansheim, Trustee Walters