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WHAT: Noted author speaks at diversity symposium

WHEN: Saturday, April 10 from 8 – 11 a.m.

WHERE: Lakewood High School, 9700 W. 8th Ave., Lakewood

DR. JAMES BANKS SPEAKS AT JEFFCO SCHOOLS DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM

Dr. James Banks, noted author and specialist in multicultural education, will be the guest speaker at the symposium, *Democracy, Diversity and Citizenship Education in a Global Age*.

The event is for parents, educators and community members and is sponsored by the Jeffco Schools Office of Culture and Diversity. The program includes a question-and-answer session and a community leader panel responding to Dr. Banks' presentation. *Mariachi Juvenil*, composed of Jeffco students, will entertain.

Dr. Banks is a professor of diversity studies and Director of the Center for Multicultural Education at the University of Washington, Seattle. He is a past president of the American Educational Research Association and the National Council for the Social Studies. He was a Spencer Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford during the 2005-06 academic year.

Dr. Banks is a member of the National Academy of Education. His books include *Teaching Strategies for Ethnic Studies*; *Cultural Diversity and Education: Foundations, Curriculum and Teaching*; *Diversity and Citizenship Education: Global Perspectives*; and *Race, Culture, and Education: The Selected Works of James A. Banks*. Professor Banks is the editor of the *Handbook of Research on Multicultural Education* (Jossey-Bass) and the "Multicultural Education Series" of books published by Teachers College Press, Columbia University.

Community members interested in attending should contact Joyce Rogers, administrative assistant, Jeffco Schools, 303-982-6805.