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### **NATION LEARNS FROM THE LEADERS OF JEFFCO SCHOOLS**

Jeffco Public Schools Superintendent Cindy Stevenson is one of 15 school district leaders from around the nation being highlighted in Education Week's annual [Leaders To Learn From](#) report.

"In an environment of tight resources, tough academic challenges, and increasingly stiff competition from new education providers, smart leadership may matter more than ever for the success of America's school districts," said Ed Week Editor-in-Chief Virginia Edwards. "The 2013 report profiles district leaders who seized on creative but practical approaches and put them to work in their school districts."

In 2011, Stevenson and former Jefferson County Education Association President Kerrie Dallman hosted an employee summit that invited representatives from the district, union and other employee groups to collaborate on proposed budget reductions.

The idea for the summit grew out of a [2011 national conference on labor-management cooperation](#) sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

Read Ed Week's [Colorado District, Union Team Up to Solve Budget Crunch](#).