



*State Oversight and Online  
Program Management:*

*Lessons From the Response  
to the State Audit of Online  
Programs in Colorado*



# Agenda

- Introductions
- The audit
- The response
- Discussion and Q&A

# Trujillo Commission

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# Online ed slammed

■ **State audit assails** lack of oversight, blocks new schools until system is fixed. 4A

Audit findings:

Inadequate oversight by schools,  
districts, and the state  
Department of Education

In The Works

*Working for Colorado's educational interests.*

*In response...*

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## *First principles*

- Public education should include a variety of high quality options
- Don't stifle innovation; continuous evaluation
- Teachers are an integral part of online learning
- Parental involvement should be encouraged



## *First principles*

- Some policies don't fit; new policy should address these inconsistencies
- OLL should not be subject to state education policies that impose barriers of time and place
- Resources to support online programs must be sufficient...

A background image showing a group of diverse students smiling. In the foreground, a young boy with a backpack is smiling broadly. Behind him, a young girl is also smiling. The image is slightly faded and serves as a backdrop for the text.

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### FINAL FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

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## *Extensive recommendations*

- Create an online division within CDE
- Require certification of multi-district online providers based on *capacity*
- CDE create online quality standards
- Require annual program reporting
- Reform funding of online students
- Fund a state-led supplemental online program
- Address use of physical facilities by online programs



## *Next step: recommendations to law*

- SB 215 implements almost all of the Commission's recommendations
- HB 1066 funds a state supplemental online program



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