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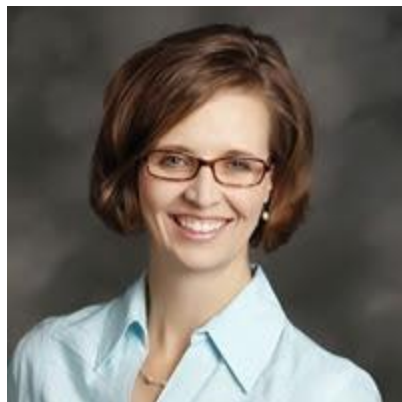
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## Sen. Zenzinger tours schools across Arvada



ARVADA -- State Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, D-Arvada, on Monday toured four schools across her district as part of her advocacy for Colorado's teachers, students, and school administrators at the State Capitol.

Sen. Zenzinger kicked off the tour with a "Career Day" presentation at **Warder Elementary**, where she took questions about the 2014 legislative session and told the students about her work.

Sen. Zenzinger continued the tour with a visit to **Oberon Junior High School** -- the site of her first student teaching job in 1998. She joined her former supervisor, Ken Detweiler, and Oberon's principal, Tara Peña, for a tour of the school and a visit to a seventh-grade classroom.

The next stop on the agenda was **Pomona High School**, where Sen. Zenzinger spoke with Principal Andy Geise and Assistant Principal Don Klipka about a host of policy issues affecting schools across Jefferson County.

Sen. Zenzinger wrapped up the tour with a stop by **Meiklejohn Elementary**, where she spoke with the school's principal, Nikki Sirko, about Meiklejohn's dramatic expansion in recent years.

"As a teacher, a mother, and a legislator, I know there is no more important investment than the one our state makes in our children's education," said **Sen. Zenzinger**. "By visiting these schools and meeting with students, teachers and administrators, I get to see firsthand which education policies are effective and which aren't."

"Senator Zenzinger is very passionate and incredibly knowledgeable about education," said Oberon Principal **Tara Peña**. "From our visit, it was very evident she cares about what is happening in our schools and came to learn first hand how the State's policies and decisions are directly impacting the work we do everyday. She's a great advocate for students, teachers, and communities as a whole."



*Sen. Zenzinger speaks with Principal Nikki Sirko of Meiklejohn Elementary School in Arvada*

**ABOUT SEN. ZENZINGER:**

Sen. Rachel Zenzinger serves Colorado Senate District 19, which spans most of Arvada and the Jefferson County portion of Westminster. She was appointed to her seat and sworn into office on Dec. 13, 2013. She serves on the Senate Education Committee and Senate Local Government Committee, and she is a Senate advisor to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. Her professional background is in education, and she was coordinator of the Regis University Master of Arts in Education program. She spent four years working for Catholic Charities of Denver. For more information about Sen. Zenzinger, please go to [www.RachelForColorado.com](http://www.RachelForColorado.com) or call her at 303-866-4840.