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Mayor Hickenlooper Endorses Mary Seawell for at-Large Denver Public School Board

* Denver CO, October 15, 2009* - Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper announced today his endorsement of Mary Seawell, candidate for the at-Large seat on Denver Public School's Board of Education. Ballots for this all-mail election begin arriving at homes today for the November 3rd Election Day.

"Mary Seawell's commitment and know-how to improving Denver schools is the reason I'm endorsing her today," said Mayor Hickenlooper. "Her past experience working in all types of schools gives her the leadership and vision to be a great asset on the school board."

Mary Seawell and Christopher Scott are contesting the at-Large seat being vacated by Jill Conrad. Conrad has endorsed Seawell.

"I'm honored that a mayor as dedicated to public education as ours is supporting me in this race. It will take the commitment and dedication of all of Denver to continue making progress in our public schools."

"To have great schools in Denver we need great leadership and Mary's work developing an MBA in School Leadership at the University of Denver shows her unique understanding of the challenges faced by our public schools," said Hickenlooper.

As the Executive Director of a family foundation, Mary first learned about the importance of different school models in providing a high quality education to low income children. As a law student, Mary taught Street Law to students at North High. For Westerly Creek Elementary, she organized book drives to fill school and classroom libraries and created the first direct giving program to raise funds for art, physical education, and additional paraprofessionals.

Mary has spent the last year creating an MBA in School Leadership at the University of Denver, so school principals have the skills they need to provide the excellence in the classroom parents and students deserve and expect.

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