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News Release

Mexican Consulate Donates Books to Colorado Schools

Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones, State Board of Education member Elaine Gantz Berman and department staff will thank Mexican Consul General Eduardo Arnal for donating 500 boxes of books to Colorado students at a reception on Friday, March 6 beginning at 11 a.m.

The reception will be held in the lobby of the Colorado Department of Education, 201 E. Colfax Ave. in Denver.

The books will be distributed to Spanish-speaking students who are in the process of learning English. The books are published for schools in Mexico, which all follow the same national curriculum.

“It is very helpful for Spanish-speaking students to continue reading on grade level in their native language even as teachers work with them to improve their English language skills,” said Commissioner Jones. “We deeply appreciate the generosity of the Mexican government in making these books available to students.”

Books being donated include textbooks and children’s fiction for elementary and middle school levels.

Others attending the reception include Armando Esparza, Deputy Consul; Marcela de la Mar, Director of Education and Cultural Affairs; Baltazar Solano, Education and Cultural Affairs; Assistant Commissioner Barbara Medina, Colorado Senator Abel Tapia and

students from Valverde Elementary School (Denver Public Schools) and Lumberg Elementary School (Jefferson County Schools).

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