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## Education Leaders Back Coffman for Mayor

(AURORA, CO) -- Two former school district superintendents, former Aurora Public School District Superintendent John Barry and former Cherry Creek School District Superintendent Harry Bull, today endorsed Mike Coffman for Mayor as the best choice to lead the City of Aurora and effectively work with Aurora's two largest school districts.

"Having grown up in Aurora, Mike Coffman has always had a love for Aurora Public Schools and, when I was the Superintendent, he was always visiting our schools and talking to everyone, from our students, to the teachers, to the administrators, and even to the school's food service staff, just to gain a better understanding of what everyone was doing and how he could help our District. I know that Mike Coffman, as Aurora's next Mayor, will continue to do everything he can do to be a great partner for Aurora Public Schools, and that's why he's earned my endorsement," said Barry.

Barry was the superintendent for Aurora Public Schools for seven years from 2006 to 2013. Prior to serving as the superintendent, Barry had a thirty-year distinguished career as a U.S. Air Force combat fighter pilot and achieved the rank of Major General prior to his retirement. Since leaving Aurora Public Schools, Barry has served as the executive director of the Metro Denver Boys and Girls Clubs, and he is now the executive director of Wings Over the Rockies. In 2011, Barry received the "Superintendent of the Year" award from the Colorado Association of School Executives.

"Mike Coffman will make a great Mayor for the City of Aurora. When I was Superintendent for the Cherry Creek School District, Mike was always there to support us in Washington, D.C., and I know that he will continue to be a strong advocate for our students, parents, teachers, and staff as the next Mayor for Aurora. I'm proud to endorse Mike Coffman for Aurora Mayor," said Bull.

Bull was the Superintendent for the Cherry Creek School District for five years from 2013 to 2018. Prior to that he served as a teacher, dean, principal, and administrator with over three decades in the District. Since leaving the Cherry Creek School District, Bull has remained active in public education by helping school districts as a management consultant. Bull was named "Superintendent of the Year" by the Colorado Association of School Executives in 2017.

"I'm honored to have endorsements from two great leaders in public education who I had the privilege of working with during their tenures in Aurora Public Schools and in Cherry Creek," said Coffman.

Coffman is a former Aurora small business owner, a Marine Corps combat veteran, and has served in the State House of Representatives, the State Senate, as State Treasurer, Secretary of State, and in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The election for Aurora Mayor and City Council will be on November 5<sup>th</sup>. However, all ballots will be mailed to registered voters starting on October 14<sup>th</sup> and they must be returned to election officials by no later than Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to be counted.

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