



# Aurora Public Schools

## Governor Ritter Unveils P-20 Partnership

Governor Bill Ritter joined Aurora Public Schools Superintendent John L. Barry recently to introduce the Community Workforce Planning Team (CWPT) and the group's work to create a viable and sustainable talent pipeline that aligns educational efforts with community workforce needs. The CWPT is a public/private alliance of more than 30 community groups and organizations representing:

- Higher Education
- Industry
- Economic Development
- Workforce Development
- Aurora Public Schools

More than 300 students, parents, staff and community members gathered to learn more about the CWPT and the group's five-year plan that aligns APS academic and career pathways with industry demands and postsecondary requirements.

*"We want to align learning from preschool all the way past college. We want a system that is seamless," said Governor Bill Ritter.*

Demonstrations by APS pathways students concluded the event. Some students showed off suturing and dissection skills. Others demonstrated programming logic and electronic interfaces. APS plans to have one or more pathways offered in every school by 2015.

A special thank you to all CWPT partners:

- Arapahoe County
- Arapahoe/Douglas Works
- Aurora Chamber of Commerce
- Aurora Economic Development Council
- Aurora Public Schools
- Basic Food Group
- Catapult Systems
- Cisco
- Colorado Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- Colorado Community College System
- Colorado Department of Labor & Employment
- Colorado Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA)
- Colorado Office of Economic and International Trade
- Comcast
- Community College of Aurora
- Denver Art Museum
- Ellen Bruss Design
- Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority
- Forest City Stapleton, Inc.
- Jeppesen
- Merrick & Company
- Northrop Grumman
- Pickens Technical College
- Public Education & Business Coalition
- Qwest
- Raytheon
- Regis University
- Staples
- University of Colorado Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus
- University of Colorado Hospital
- University of Denver
- Urban Land Conservancy
- Xcel Energy

To learn more about academic and career pathways in APS, visit [pathways.aurorak12.org/pathways-home/](http://pathways.aurorak12.org/pathways-home/).

To learn more about the CWPT five-year plan, visit [pathways.aurorak12.org/community-workforce-planning-team/](http://pathways.aurorak12.org/community-workforce-planning-team/).

