



## 2009 GUIDELINES ON K-12 EDUCATION

### **Background**

The business community recognizes the importance of K-12 education as an essential building block in a strong and vibrant community. Partnerships between business and education are essential to ensuring a quality education for children in Mesa County.

### **The Chamber Supports:**

1. Direct business involvement in education and the active involvement of Chamber members in education.
2. Continued efforts to address the financial needs of education in Mesa County, as well as efforts that ensure local school districts receive full federal and state funding for mandated programs.
3. Local school district goals aimed at providing students with the core knowledge and skills necessary for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, for the purpose of providing career paths for skilled employees; including technical/vocational needs as delivered by the Bishop Campus of the Community College of Western Colorado.
4. The school district's efforts to identify future facility needs including facilities that would meet the needs of advanced technological skills.
5. Local control of our school districts.