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**CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO
A VIP RECEPTION TO BENEFIT:**

The Jeffco Republican Party &
2011 School Board Candidates

With Speakers:

DEBORA SCHEFFEL, Ph.D. – Colo. Board of Education
LAURA BOGGS, Director Jeffco School Bd.
PRESTON BRANAUGH, Candidate Jeffco School Bd.
JAMES POWERS, Candidate Jeffco School Bd.

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 from 6:30-8:00 P.M.
Lakewood Country Club
6800 West 10th Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80215

Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, Coors beer. No donation required.
Business casual attire. R.S.V.P: Chris Robbins,
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Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed please find a copy of *Waiting for Superman*, an extraordinary documentary about the state of public education in America. If you are a conservative, I'm sure you will connect with this thought-provoking film because it identifies pressing issues facing Jefferson County's own public schools that can only be addressed by electing new, committed, professional leadership to the county School Board.

Even if you do not have children in school, I'm sure you understand that businesses cannot be successful without educated workers. The crisis today is that 60% of Jefferson County tenth graders cannot pass Colorado's standardized math test.

These results ARE NOT because of insufficient funding! The Jefferson County school budget was over \$1.1 billion in 2011. Despite declining enrollment, that's nearly double the 1990s levels. Where did this money go? Mostly, it went to increased administrative costs. We now have approximately 8,000 administrative employees for our 80,000 students. That's lower than the student-teacher ratio!

This year, two successful businessmen, Preston Branaugh and Jim Powers, are running for the School Board. With six kids between them, they are committed to turning around our Jeffco schools. You also need to know that the Jefferson County Republican Party is promoting their candidacy.

Although School Board races are called "non-partisan", Democrats and other liberal organizations select and promote candidates that are sympathetic to the unionized educational establishment. I prefer to call these races "unbranded", instead of non-partisan, because the only "non-partisan" aspect is that the candidates do not identify their party on the ballot.

Please know that this campaign is not about opposing the many fine teachers in our community; it's about providing Board Members with professional management skills who can guide the operations of the 35th largest school district in the United States.

To be successful, we urgently need to raise \$30,000 for mail communication with Jeffco voters. Attached, please find an invitation for a gathering on September 28, 2011 at the Lakewood County Club to meet the candidates, learn more about the issues, and become involved. If you cannot attend, please make a generous contribution at our website: www.jeffcorepublicans.com.

Please join me in the fight to win the 2011 School Board election. Thank you.

Best regards,

Don Ytterberg
Chairman, Jeffco Republican Committee