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WHAT: Jeffco Public Schools opens doors to begin student learning

WHEN: Monday, Aug. 22 starting at 7:30 a.m.

WHERE: Wheat Ridge 5-8, 7101 W. 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge, 80033

JEFFCO SCHOOLS KICKS OFF THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

Colorado's largest school district welcomes back more than 86,000 students in 154 schools on the first day of school.

Wheat Ridge 5-8 students will get a special welcome as they walk through the doors of their school straight from Jeffco Schools' Superintendent, Cindy Stevenson.

Wheat Ridge 5-8 is a new configuration from its former middle school model. In an effort to cut \$40 million from the 2011-12 budget, Jeffco closed two neighborhood schools, Martensen and Zerger elementaries.

Many Martensen students now attend Wheat Ridge 5-8 and younger students now attend Stevens Elementary. Former Zerger students now attend Weber and Lukas elementaries.

Stevenson will begin the first day of school at **7:30 a.m. at Wheat Ridge 5-8**, then travel to **Stevens Elementary and Weber Elementary** and ending at **Lukas**.

**Note to interested media, please contact the Jeffco Communications Services office to arrange access to any Jeffco schools on the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 22