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Superintendent Diana Sirko
Roaring Fork School District
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Superintendent Sirko:

The quality of education provided by a community's schools reflect the deep commitment of its parents, teachers, and faculty. In turn, schools are critical incubators of new ideas, life goals, and character development. I sincerely congratulate the faculty and staff of the Roaring Fork School District for their 2013 Colorado Department of Education award.

Basalt Middle School received the *Governor's Distinguished Improvement* award. This award is given for exceeding 3-year performance indicators for academic growth, and meeting or exceeding the expectations on the indicator related to academic growth gaps. Basalt Middle School's success is a testament to the leadership provided by Principal Jeremy Voss and the teachers' dedication to these young minds.

These proud achievements represent continued investment in quality education and demonstrates the commitment to facilitating a tradition of academic achievement and leadership in the Roaring Fork Valley for students of generations to come.

Sincerely,

Gail Schwartz
Colorado State Senator
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