

**Senate Education**

**05/03/2024 Upon Adjournment**

**HB24-1376 Expand Teacher Mentorships**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
<p>Dawn Fritz For Colorado Parent Teacher Association</p>	<p>Colorado PTA supports HB24-1376.</p> <p>PTA supports legislation and programs that attract and retain educators. With the continuing trend of teachers leaving the profession, we are concerned about the effects the teacher shortage has on Colorado’s public education system.</p> <p>Further, PTA recognizes that educational opportunities for students in public schools are dependent on the quality of educators. Teacher preparation and development are critical investments in our children and youth. This program can build capacity and resiliency in teachers who are new to the profession and those who choose to become mentors and leaders.</p> <p>PTA ultimately supports this bill because we support measures that strengthen and support our educator workforce —it will benefit all students.</p>