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# STATEMENT

## **Senate Leader Charlie Shields Comments on the Passing of Commissioner Kent King**

"I am very sad to hear of the passing of Commissioner Kent King. First and foremost, Dr. King was extremely dedicated to children and improving our system of education. He worked tirelessly to make sure that every student had the same opportunity for a quality education. To him, it made no difference if the child was in a rural K-8 or an urban school, he wanted all students to have the same quality education.

As a friend, I know I can speak for others when I say that we will truly miss the biggest proponent of education in our state."

-Senate Leader Charlie Shields  
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