

## VI CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

*It seems that our work has just begun...and yet our children cannot wait. Each child that progresses through Colorado's education system has but one chance in that system. It is with great urgency that we must gather the data<sup>34</sup>, inform decisions and take action. Our children deserve nothing less.*

*The Alliance for Quality Teaching believes in the importance of shining the light on teacher quality and aggressively pursuing action to close teacher quality gaps. Partners within the education systems, businesses and individuals must engage in action. Should you be one of those partners?*

<sup>34</sup>The Alliance Research Committee identified many research needs. A five-year plan evolved that recommends a course of action to investigate major components of quality teaching over the next several years in the following major categories: Defining/describing quality/effective teaching; Attracting quality teachers; Retaining quality teachers; Preparing quality teachers; Training teachers to improve and maintain quality; Teaching and learning conditions.