



## Andre Spencer

In January 2013, Dr. Andre D. Spencer was appointed superintendent of Harrison School District Two in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Harrison serves over 11,000 students with 26 schools, including four charter agreements, one home school academy and one detention center for youth.

Prior to Andre's arrival in Harrison, he served 4 years in the United States Army, worked in the Baltimore City Public School System for 13 years as a Science Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Area Support Superintendent, and worked in the Houston Independent School District for three years as a Regional Superintendent.

Andre is an educational leader who strongly believes that all children deserve a quality education that will enable them to become productive learners within society. This is evident in a number of accomplishments made by Harrison School District Two. For example: 1.) improvements in academic achievement by being recognized as one district who has closed the racial achievement gap in the State of Colorado; 2.) increases in advance placement course offerings and examination pass rate; 3.) improvements in graduation rate; 4.) improvements in educational technology; and 5.) recognition by the Colorado and US Departments of Education for academic achievement at various schools.

As superintendent, Andre has implemented the following educational initiatives: 1.) a world-class common core state standards-based curriculums to improve instruction and student achievement; 2.) personalized learning opportunities; 3.) early college program; 5.) dropout and credit recovery program; 6.) one-to-one technology program; 7.) technology infrastructure to support wireless accessibility district-wide; and 8.) free breakfast, lunch and dinner program district-wide.

Some additional accomplishments Andre has made since being in Harrison are: Training for National Superintendent Certification with AASA: The School Superintendents Association, presenting at the National Alliance of Black School Educators Aspiring Superintendents Institute and recognition as the Superintendent of the Year by The Education Center in Denver, Colorado. Currently, Andre is a participant in The Broad Academy Class of 2017 Cohort.