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**Report from Terry Darby, School Liason**

**Colorado School for the Deaf & Blind**

This year marks 150 years of the school, which provides education and support to students from birth until the age of 21. The school hit another milestone this year, with its first superintendent who is deaf assuming the position.

Tera Spangler started as a teacher at the school in 2006. She's held several different roles, including a teacher of the deaf in the elementary school program, curriculum coordinator, principal, and director of curriculum assessment. Spangler served as the interim superintendent for almost two years before officially moving into the position in the last few months.

Spangler grew up in a small Iowa town and was diagnosed with liver cancer at the age of 10. As a result of the illness, she lost her hearing.

The superintendent hopes her own story serves as an inspiration to the roughly 170 students who attend the school currently.