

**DRAFT Agenda**  
**Western Slope Seminar – May 2, 2014**  
**8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Caprock Academy, 714 24½ Road, Grand Junction, 81505**

8:30 - 9:15 AM	Registration, Coffee and Networking	<b>Check In, Grab a Pastry and Network with other Charter Schools.</b>	
9:15 - 10:15 AM	Opening Plenary	<b>New State Assessments</b> This session will kick off the Western Slope Seminar and address the hot topic of state assessment. Come to this session to learn more about the state assessments, impact on the accountability system, planning implications for schools (technology and budget) and provide guidance for any of your questions or concerns. (Gina Schlieman/CDE)	
10:15 - 10:30	BREAK		
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	<b>Overview of Colorado Academic Standards</b> This session will provide an overview of the new Colorado State Standards required for 2013-14 and beyond and the responsibilities and requirements of charter schools. (Gina Schlieman/CDE)	<b>Budgeting Basics</b> This session led by a seasoned charter school business manager will speak to the fundamentals of budgeting and pitfalls for charter schools to avoid. (Helen Sneed)
11:30-11:45 AM	BREAK / TRANSITION		
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch and Plenary	<b>Legislative Update</b> This lunchtime plenary will include an update from the last week at the Capitol and key issues impacting charter schools. (Terry Croy Lewis/Nora Flood)	
12:45 - 1:45 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	<b>Business and Financial Issues Roundtable</b> This facilitated roundtable will address critical issues that you are facing at your school. Come with your questions. (Helen Sneed/Terry Croy Lewis)	<b>Issues Facing Charter School Boards</b> This session will address the core responsibilities of charter school boards and hit on the hot issues that boards are facing. (Nora Flood/ Terry Croy Lewis)
1:45 – 2:00 PM	BREAK		
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	<b>Innovation &amp; Personalized Learning</b> Individualized and personalized instruction is becoming an increasing priority at schools and across the state. This session will look at innovative ways to meet the needs of students and highlight different approaches being explored in our state. (Gina Schlieman/CDE)	<b>Financial Oversight</b> This session will look at policies and practices that charter schools should have in place to ensure appropriate and adequate oversight of the school’s finances including financial checks and balances, use of a finance committee and other tips to help strengthen your school’s financial practices. (Terry Croy Lewis/Helen Sneed)