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Board Actions – November 13, 2003 Department of Education

“STATE STUDENTS SHINE” – Rocky Mountain News, Headline November 14, 2003

“COLORADO STUDENTS OUTPACE PEERS” - Denver Post, Headline November 14, 2003

Any day the state's largest newspapers lead their front page with headlines like these is a good day for Colorado education. The State Board of Education was present at a news conference on November 13, 2003 that released the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) for the 2003 grades 4 and 8 reading and mathematics assessments given nationwide. Colorado's public school students performed higher than the national average in grades 4 and 8 reading and grade 8 mathematics, and performed at the national average in grade 4 mathematics. Colorado scored in the top quarter of all states for students scoring at or above the proficient level, and its improvement trend beats the national average by the widest margins in our state's history.

“This is great news for Colorado,” says Chairman of the State Board of Education Randy DeHoff. “Since NAEP is similar though more rigorous than our state CSAP test, these results show that Colorado's students have the ability and skills to outperform the national average.”

The major findings are as follows:

- Fourth grade students in Colorado have doubled their performance in mathematics since the 1992 assessment. In 1992, 17 percent of the students performed at or above the proficient level; in 1996, 22 percent performed at or above the proficient level; and in 2003, 34 percent performed at or above the proficient level.

- Colorado grade 4 students have improved by over 5% in reading since the 1994 assessment. In 1994, the average scale score was 213; in 1998 it was 220; and in 2003 it was 224.
- In grade 8 reading, Colorado is outperforming the nation in race/ethnicity by 5 points for blacks, 2 points for Hispanics and 5 points for Asians.
- In Colorado, the gender gap in grade 8 mathematics has basically been eliminated since the 1990 assessment, which confirms what Colorado's recent CSAP scores show.
- The percentage of 8th grade Hispanic students scoring at or above proficient in mathematics has tripled since 1990.

"Closing the Achievement Gap is a nationwide goal," states Vice Chairman Jared Polis. "Colorado is proving to the nation that we are making great strides in closing this very important and discouraging disparity."

NAEP, which was originally established in 1969, is the only federally-mandated, nationally-representative assessment of what young students know and can do in key subject areas. Commonly referred to as the "Nation's Report Card," it is used to provide a common point of reference for comparisons between states and an accurate and representative picture of student performance over time. Last year was the first time that the No Child Left Behind Act required states to participate in these assessments. The last year Colorado opted to take the NAEP Grades 4 and 8 Reading Assessments was 1998 and the Grades 4 and 8 Math Assessments were last given in Colorado in 1996.

"As much as we appreciate these moments of public affirmation, we know also how much further we have to go. Still, for today, let us savor the moment and pass on the thanks and congratulations to all those educators whose daily labors are lifting the prospects for all of Colorado's children," wrote Commissioner Moloney in his latest Chiefline.

ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE)

State Board / Commissioner

- Approved the 2004 Board meeting schedule. (See page 5)

Learning and Results

- Postponed the December 11, 2003 hearing to consider the adoption of permanent Rules for the Administration of Colorado Cyberschools, 1 CCR 301-56 to the May 13, 2003 Board meeting

Professional Services

- Approved the Type III Authorizations as follows:

- a. Initial - 109
- b. Renewal - 98

- Approved the cut scores for the PLACE content area tests for the following endorsement areas: Technology Education (Industrial Arts) and Science
- Approved the proposed special services providers induction program for Santa Fe Trail BOCES
- Instructed department staff and the attorney general's office regarding Authorization No. 175563, Charge, No. 2003EC14, to prepare the documents necessary to request a formal hearing for the revocation of the holder's authorization pursuant to §22-60.5-108, C.R.S.
- Dismissed the charge concerning Charge No. 2003EC27
- Instructed department staff to issue a notice of denial and appeal rights to the applicant pursuant to §24-4-104, C.R.S. concerning Charge No. 2003EC29

Special Services

- Approved the waiver request for Adams 12 School District for Colorado Virtual Academy for a 5-year period ending June 30, 2008 as follows: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(f)(t); 22-32-110(1)(h)(ee); 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, 402, C.R.S.
- Approved the waiver request for Douglas County School District for Academy Charter School for a 29-day period ending December 11, 2003 as follows: 22-1-112; 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(f)(t); 22-32-126; 22-33-102(1); 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, C.R.S.

Management, Budget & Planning

- Approved the four projects for "back-up" funding from the Expenditure Reserve and Powerball funds
- Approved the special education excess cost rates for FY 2003-2004

ITEMS NOT ON CONSENT, REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS
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- Considered amendments and adopted the Rules for the Administration and the Assessment of Students Whose Dominant Language is not English, 1 CCR 301-62

(7-0 Mr. Polis, Mrs. Baca, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Hudak, Mr. Munn, Mr. Orr and Mrs. Suckla concurred. Mr. DeHoff was absent.)

- Considered amendments and adopted the Rules for the Administration of the Accreditation of School Districts, 1 CCR 301-1

(7-0 Mr. Polis, Mrs. Baca, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Hudak, Mr. Munn, Mr. Orr and Mrs. Suckla concurred. Mr. DeHoff was absent.)

- Adopted the Amendments to the Rules for the Annual Inspection and Preventative Maintenance of School Transportation Vehicles, 1 CCR 301-29

(6-1 Mr. Polis, Mrs. Baca, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Hudak, Mr. Munn and Mrs. Suckla concurred, Mr. Orr dissents. Mr. DeHoff was absent.)

- Adopted the proposed procedures to conduct appeals to the State Board of Education of a local district's denial of a non-public school's application to become an opportunity contract school

Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.:	Charge No. 2003EC29
Applicant:	James F. Profirio-Bond
Last Known Employment:	Ave Maria Catholic School
Last Known Residence:	Aurora, Colorado
Reason for Disciplinary Action:	James F. Profirio-Bond was convicted of one felony count of larceny in a bank
Final Action of the State Board:	Denial of the application
Date of State Board Action:	November 13, 2003

Future Business

December 10	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
December 11	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.

➤ 2004 Meeting Schedule

January 7	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
January 8	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
February 7-8	RETREAT	
February 11	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
February 12	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
March 10	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
March 11	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
April 7	Work Session	9:00 a.m.

April 8	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
May 12	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
May 13	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
June 9 -10	RETREAT	
July 7	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
July 8	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
August 11	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
August 12	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
September 8	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
September 9	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
October 13	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
October 14	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
November 10	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
November 11	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
December 8	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
December 9	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.

Future Hearings

December 11, 2003 10:00 a.m.	Proposed amended rules for the <u>Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991</u> , 1 CCR - 301-37
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