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News Release

State Graduation Guidelines Development Council Will Meet Tuesday, Feb. 5

The State Graduation Guidelines Development Council will meet Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 3:30—6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at The Denver Museum of Nature and Science (2001 Colorado Blvd.) in the Harry T. Lewis Community Room.

The agenda follows:

- Review of minutes from last meeting
- Reviews travel/dates for upcoming meetings
- Discuss statewide surveys
- Business/military expectations for high school graduates
 - 3:45 p.m., Achieve/American Diploma Project (conference call)
 - 5:00 p.m., Col. Alan Klayton, United States Air Force Academy
 - 5:30 p.m., Julie Haeflinger, Pickens Tech
 - 5:45 p.m., John Sepich, Colorado Mathematics, Science, Technology Education Coalition
 - 6:15 p.m., Dwight D. Jones, Commissioner of Education (tentative)
- Discuss any pressing issues by members
- Next Steps

The council is charged by a new state law (C.R.S. 22-7-414) to “develop and recommend to the state board for adoption a comprehensive set of guidelines for the establishment of high school graduation requirements.”

The 12 council members are appointed by the governor for two-year terms. The law charges the council with developing a comprehensive set of guidelines for the establishment of high school graduation requirements. Those recommendations will be presented to the state board for adoption. The law requires the council to hold a series of at least six public meetings throughout the state to gather public input in developing its recommendations, which are due by May 1, 2008.

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