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Quality Teachers Commission Meets Friday, Feb. 22

The Quality Teachers Commission will meet Friday, Feb. 22 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Colorado Education Association, 1500 Grant Street, in Denver. The meeting will be held in the board room on the fourth floor.

The 13-member commission was established by Senate Bill 07-140 (The Quality Teachers Act) to examine the development and implementation of a unique teacher identifier system. The commission is also expected to examine the teacher gap in Colorado and gather data from school districts on how they are reducing that gap. The term “teacher gap” refers to the phenomenon that poor and minority students are more likely to be instructed by less-qualified or less-experienced teachers than their more affluent and white peers.

The agenda for Feb. 22 includes:

- Commission business
- Presentations on existing data systems to inform the teacher identifier policy. Presentations and discussions with:
 - Department of Higher Education
 - Licensing
 - Student Longitudinal Growth team
- Discussion on state statute (C.R.S. 22-68-104 (4) (c)) – Identifying positive uses for the data gleaned from a teacher identifier system.

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