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Quality Teachers Commission Meets Friday, March 28

The Quality Teachers Commission will meet Friday, March 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Colorado Children’s Campaign, 1580 Lincoln Street, Suite 420, in Denver.

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 March 28 includes:

- Commission business
- Follow-up on available data from the Department of Higher Education
- Invited guest - report from Southwest Comprehensive Center on interviews with other states using a teacher identifier
- Brainstorming on protections for teachers
- Discussion of factors or problems (for legislation and written report)

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