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News Release

Graduation Guidelines Development Council Asks for Public Feedback Regarding Minimum High School Graduation Guidelines

The 12-member Graduation Guidelines Development Council will meet Tuesday, April 1 to discuss and identify recommendations they will make to the State Board of Education regarding minimum high school graduation guidelines. The meeting will be held from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at Penrose House, 1661 Mesa Avenue, in Colorado Springs.

The meeting will be hosted by Colorado State Board of Education member Peggy Littleton, who represents the 5th Congressional District, and University of Colorado Regent Kyle Hybl.

Feedback from Colorado students, parents, educators and the public will be a critical part of the council's recommendations. The public can participate in a variety of ways:

- Take an online survey, view materials and post comments at <http://ggdc.pbwiki.com>
- Attend a council meeting. A full calendar is available at <http://ggdc.pbwiki.com/Calendar> or can be obtained by calling or e-mailing the Office of Assistant Commissioner Jo O'Brien at 303-866-6931 or OLR-T1@cde.state.co.us

To ensure a broad range of input, the council will meet regularly with invited stakeholders in at least six statewide meetings. State, local and

national experts will present background materials. The meetings are open to the public.

Currently the state of Colorado has model content standards approved by the State Board of Education. Each of the 178 school districts uses these content model standards to set its own curriculum and high school graduation requirements.

The State Board of Education has started the process of reviewing the state model content standards and is also holding statewide meetings to solicit public input. The State Board of Education will then consider the council's recommendations along with the results of the state model content standards review. Results of the council's work will be delivered to the State Board of Education in a report on May 1, 2008.

For a complete list of GGDC members and materials related to the council's work, visit <http://ggdc.pbwiki.com>.

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