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News Release

State Board Member, Commissioner and Graduation Guidelines Development Council Invites Business Leaders to Discuss Education Policy Initiatives

Business leaders from across the state are invited to meetings Tuesday, April 15 and Monday, April 21 to discuss current Colorado education reforms.

Colorado State Board Member Elaine Gantz Berman, Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones and members of the Graduation Guidelines Development Council will host the first meeting on April 15. The meeting will be held from 7:00 – 9:15 a.m. at Junior Achievement, 1445 Market St., in Denver.

The April 21 meeting will be held from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd. in Denver.

To RSVP for the meetings, contact Marjorie Reinwald at 303-866-6817 or reinwald_m@cde.state.co.us.

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.

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

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