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Quality Teachers Commission Meets Friday, May 9

The Quality Teachers Commission will meet Friday, May 9, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Colorado Children's Campaign office 1580 Lincoln St. Suite 420.

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 the May 9th meeting includes:

- Commission business
- Legislative update
- Continued discussion of the summary provided by Jacki Paone
- Report on what other states are doing with teacher identifiers

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