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## **News Release**

### ***Board of Education Approves Recommendations for School Counselor Grant Program***

The Colorado State Board of Education today approved 10 grants totaling \$2.2 million to boost effective school-based counseling services across the state.

The grants will be issued through The School Counselor Corps Grant Program and are designed to increase the percentage of students who appropriately prepare for, apply to, and continue into postsecondary education.

Grant recipients include the following 10 districts, serving 32 schools:

- Adams-Arapahoe School District 28-J (Aurora Public Schools), \$519,700
- Adams 14 School District (Commerce City), \$74,826
- Colorado Springs School District 11, \$118,150
- Colorado Springs Early Colleges Charter School, \$93,000,
- Denver Public Schools, \$578,448
- Jefferson County Schools, \$149,932
- Mesa County School District 51 (Grand Junction), \$201,595
- Pinnacle Charter School (Adams 12 Five Star Schools), \$151,200
- Poudre School District (Fort Collins), \$156,832
- Greeley-Evans School District 6, \$217,229

The grants represent the first round of grants under the program; the second round of proposals will be due Oct. 1, 2008.

## **Other Action**

In other action, the Board of Education:

- Approved the recommended multi-district online programs for two-year certification;
- Approved notice of rulemaking for permanent rules for the administration of the postsecondary and workforce readiness assessments pilot program—a hearing on the rules will be held Sept. 10;
- Approved notice of rulemaking for rules related to administration of academic performance ratings—a hearing on the rules will be held Sept. 10;
- Approved notice of rulemaking for rules related to the development, expansion, implementation and management of the regional service areas—a hearing on the rules will be held Sept. 10;
- Approved waiver requests from certain statutes by the Douglas County School District on behalf of American Academy Charter School;
- Approved waiver requests from certain statutes by the Denver Public Schools on behalf of Denver School of Science and Technology;
- Approved four emergency renewal authorizations and 10 emergency initial authorizations;
- Approved the Linguistically Diverse Education (LDE) Teacher Preparation Program and Linguistically Diverse Education Specialist: Bilingual from Jones International University;
- Approved the Teacher/Specialist Services Provider Induction Program submitted by Primrose School of Longmont;
- Approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Induction Program submitted by the Teacher Institute at La Academia;
- Approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Induction Program submitted by Cotopaxi RE-3;

- Re-approved the Principal/Administrator Provider Program at Expeditionary Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES);
- Re-approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Program at Falcon School District 49;
- Re-approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Program at Poudre School District;
- Approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Program at submitted by Springfield School District RE-4;
- Approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Induction Program submitted by Imagine Charter School;
- Approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Induction Program submitted by Odyssey Charter School;
- Approved emergency rules amending the Educator Licensing Rules 1 CCR 301-37;
- Approved notice of rulemaking for amendments to the Educator Licensing Rules 1 CCR 301-37—a hearing on the rules will be held Sept. 10;
- Approved appointments to the State Advisory Committee for Gifted Student Education;
- Approved emergency rules pertaining to early access to educational services for children less than age six;
- Approved notice of rulemaking for permanent rules pertaining to education services for children less than age six—a hearing on the rules will be held Sept. 10;
- Approved distribution of 2008-2009 state funding for gifted student education;
- Approved the recommended Alternative Education Campus Designation Schools;

- Approved certification of amounts payable to school districts for the Public School Finance Act of 1994 (as amended) for June 2008 state share payments;
- Approved certification of amounts payable to school districts for the Public School Finance Act of 1994 (as amended) for July 2008 through November 2008;
- Approved the contingency reserve request from Denver Public Schools to relieve the district of revenue losses due to the Frontier Airlines bankruptcy.

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