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Standards Review Subcommittees Need You!

Educators, parents, business leaders, community members and all members of the public are invited to join an important conversation about the future of education in Colorado.

The Colorado State Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education are preparing for the comprehensive revision of the state's Model Content Standards.

Beginning today, applications are being accepted for membership on subcommittees that will recommend revised standards for arts, mathematics, physical education, reading, writing, science, social studies and world languages.

"The state model content standards drive classroom instruction and student learning," said Jo O'Brien, Assistant Commissioner for Standards and Assessment. "We need a broad cross-section represented in our discussions to ensure the updated standards accurately reflect what students need to know and demonstrate in every subject, at every grade level."

Applications are available online at

* <https://forms.cde.state.co.us/cgi-bin/ezs.cgi?DATABASE=modelcontent>

The deadline to submit applications is September 15, 2008.

The committees will be responsible for recommending new 21st century standards to the Colorado Board of Education by December 2009.

Candidates will be notified of their selection to the committees by mid-October.

Stakeholders Meeting Monday, Aug. 25

The Colorado Model Content Standards Review Stakeholders will meet Monday, Aug. 25 in Breckenridge at Main Street Station, 505 South Main St. The meeting will run from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize the shape and terms of the "13th grade," to agree on the selection process of content subcommittee membership, and decide timeframes for definitions and WestEd products.

In April, CDE released a briefing paper that provides a review and analysis for definitions of 21st century skills, college readiness and career readiness. The analysis was conducted by WestEd, a nonprofit research, development and service agency. The complete report is posted on the CDE Web site at

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/Communications/download/PDF/20080409WestEdStandardsDefinitions.pdf> *

WestEd also analyzed state policy nationwide regarding grade by grade articulation. This report is posted on the CDE Web site at

http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/documents/OSA/stand_rev/West_Ed_Articulation_Paper.pdf

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