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## **News Release**

### ***Next Meeting of Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is Wednesday, Sept. 17***

The next meeting of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board will be held Wednesday, Sept. 17 in Denver.

The meeting will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the State Services Building at 1525 Sherman St., room B70.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Approve minutes from the Sept. 10, 2008 meeting
- Continue drafting emergency rules for prioritizing Full-Day Kindergarten grant applications
- Discuss matching criteria for Full-Day Kindergarten
- Review rank and matching percentage metrics to be used when reviewing applicants
- BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) Grants—timeline for grant cycle, guidelines for program
- BEST Emergency Grants—timeline for grant cycle, guidelines for program
- BEST Lease-Purchase Projects—timeline for grant cycle, guidelines for program

- Statewide Facility Assessment, status update
- Discuss future meetings and meeting sites; set meeting date to hold public hearing for facility guidelines;

The BEST legislation increases the level of financial assistance provided to school districts, charter schools and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for capital construction projects, particularly in those school districts that can't afford to meet their own needs.

The function of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is to protect the health and safety of persons using public school facilities and to maximize student achievement by ensuring public school facilities provide a safe and un-crowded environment that is conducive to student learning.

For more information on the Capital Construction Assistance Board and to read board minutes, visit

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstCCAB.htm>

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