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Deadline for Standards Review Subcommittee Applications Extended

The deadline for applications to participate on subcommittees that will recommend revised standards for arts, mathematics, physical education, reading, writing, science, social studies and world languages has been extended until Monday, Sept. 29, 2008.

Educators, parents, business leaders, community members and members of the public have just two weeks 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.

Applications are available online at
<https://forms.cde.state.co.us/cgi-bin/ezs.cgi?DATABASE=modelcontent>

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

Once the subcommittees are selected, each will hold three to five full-day meetings on Saturdays over the next year. There will also be necessary "homework" in preparation for each meeting. Meeting dates will be determined once subcommittees are formed.

The first phase of subcommittee meetings begins this fall and will include Reading/Writing, Music, Mathematic, and Science. The second phase will begin in January 2009 and includes Civics, History, Geography, Financial Literacy & Economics, Dance, Theatre, and Visual Art. The third group will begin in March 2009 and will include World Language and Physical Education.

Meetings will be held statewide based on the level of participation from each region. Locations will be announced once subcommittee members have been selected. While service on these subcommittees is voluntary, CDE will reimburse subcommittee members for mileage to and from each scheduled meeting.

Candidates will be notified of their selection to the committees by Friday, Oct. 24, 2008.

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