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News Release

Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board Announces Next Meeting and Upcoming Rulemaking Hearings

The next meeting of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 6 in Denver.

The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Governor's Energy Office, 1580 Logan St. in Denver.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Approve minutes from the Sept. 17, 2008 meeting
- Review the draft of the full-day kindergarten rules
- Update on construction freeze relative to full-day kindergarten
- 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

Rulemaking Hearings

The board also announced two upcoming rulemaking hearings. The first, to decide permanent rules for the Full-Day Kindergarten Facility Capital Construction Assistance Program is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 3, 2008 at 10 a.m. A hearing for the Public School Facility Guidelines will follow at 10:30 a.m. Both hearings will be held at the Colorado Department of Education, 201 E. Colfax Ave. in the first floor board room.

"Gov. Ritter requested the freeze and Commissioner of Education, Dwight D. Jones supports the request to delay grants to expand full-day kindergarten facilities," said Ted Hughes, director of division of public school capital construction assistance. "That doesn't stop us from moving forward with preparing the rules and being ready to go the minute the funds are released."

Written and oral data, comments and arguments will be received and must be filed at or before the start of the hearings on Nov. 3, 2008 in order to be considered.

The proposed rules are published at www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstFDK.htm and www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstBEST.htm

For more information on the rulemaking hearings, contact Ted Hughes, director of division of public school capital construction assistance at 303-866-6948.

About BEST

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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