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## **News Release**

## *Next Meeting of Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is Monday, Nov. 3*

The next meeting of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board will be held Monday, Nov. 3 in Denver.

The meeting will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Colorado Department of Education, 201 E. Colfax Ave., first floor state board room, in Denver.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Approve minutes from the Oct. 29, 2008 meeting
- Director's report
- Review and discuss proposed timelines pertaining to the BEST (Building Excellent Schools Today) Grant cycle
- A public hearing on the permanent rules for the administration of Full-Day Kindergarten Facility Grants will begin at 10 a.m.
- A second hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. regarding permanent rules for the Public Schools Facility Construction Guidelines
- BEST Grants—rules for the program
- BEST Emergency Grants—rules for the program

- BEST Lease-Purchase Projects—rules for the program
- Future meetings—the next meeting of the Capital Construction Assistance Board is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 12

The BEST legislation increases the level of financial assistance provided to school districts, charter schools, institute charter schools, the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind, 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 <u>http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstCCAB.htm</u>

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