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**News Release**

***Next Meeting of Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is Wednesday, Nov. 19***

The next meeting of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19 in Denver.

The meeting will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the State Services Building, 1525 Sherman St., room B-70.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Approve minutes from the Nov. 3, 2008 meeting
- Director's report—status update on the request for proposal for Statewide Facility Assessment
- Adopt Full-Day Kindergarten Rules as permanent rules
- Adopt Public Schools Capital Construction Guidelines as permanent rules after discussing comments from the Nov. 3 hearing
- Adopt BEST 2008-2009 Rules as emergency rules
- BEST Cash Grants—discuss/approve timeline for grant cycle
- BEST Lease-Purchase Grants—discuss/approve timeline for grant cycle

- Discuss future meetings and sites

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

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

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