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English Language Development Standards and Expanded Benchmark Subcommittees Need You!

Educators, parents, business leaders, community members and all members of the public are invited 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 English Language Development Standards and Expanded Benchmarks.

Beginning today, applications are being accepted for membership on subcommittees that will recommend revised standards.

"The state standards drive classroom instruction and student learning," said Jo O'Brien, Assistant Commissioner for Standards and Assessment. "We need a broad cross-section represented in our discussions to ensure the updated standards accurately reflect what students need to know and demonstrate."

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

The deadline to submit applications is Friday, Feb. 13, 2009.

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

Candidates will be notified of their selection to the committees by mid-March 2009.

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