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News Release

Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board Announces Next Meeting and Rulemaking Hearing

The next meeting of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 4 in Denver.

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

The meeting agenda includes:

- Approve minutes from the prior meeting
- Update on proposed budget reductions for Full-Day Kindergarten and the Charter School Capital Construction grant programs
- Update on the status of the statewide facilities assessment
- Update on the first round of Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant applications received Jan. 23, 2009
- Public hearing pertaining to permanent rules for the BEST Grant Program. Hearing to commence at 10 a.m.
- Discuss future meetings and meeting sites

Rulemaking Hearing

The hearing is to decide permanent rules for the Building BEST Grant Program. The hearing is scheduled to commence at 10 a.m.

Written and oral data, comments and arguments will be received and must be filed at or before the start of the hearings on Feb. 4, 2009 in order to be considered.

The proposed rules are published at
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/CapConstmain.htm>

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