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News Release

Teacher Tour Arrives in Colorado Springs, Fort Collins and Sterling Next Week to Discuss CAP4K

The Colorado Department of Education in collaboration with the Colorado Education Association (CEA) will hold three teacher tour meetings next week to discuss the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K).

The meetings are scheduled from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the following locations:

- Monday, Feb. 9, in Colorado Springs at North Middle School, 612 E. Yampa St.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Ft. Collins at Café Columbine, 802 W. Drake
- Wednesday, Feb. 11 in Sterling at Campbell Elementary School, 902 Clark Ave.

Part of a 13-stop tour across the state, the purpose of the meetings is to identify teacher understanding of Senate Bill 08-212, also known as CAP4K. The tour stops will allow for discussion about the law's relevance to practice, its impact on teaching and learning and the kind of help that teachers would find useful for classroom implementation.

Teachers, principals and other interested staff are invited to attend. Feedback from the tour will help CDE organize professional development and other support for teachers related to CAP4K.

The meetings will be led by CDE Deputy Commissioner Ken Turner, Assistant Commissioner Jeanette Cornier, CAP4K Project Manager

Samantha Long and CEA Director of Teaching and Learning Linda Barker.

Additional tours will be held on the following dates:
(Precise locations and times will be announced soon)

- Tuesday, Feb. 17 in Limon, TBD
- Monday, Feb. 23 in Durango, TBD
- Tuesday, Feb. 24 in Alamosa, TBD
- Wednesday, Feb. 25 in Pueblo, PEA Office, 1004 W. Abriendo
- Monday, Mar. 2 in Telluride, TBD
- Tuesday, Mar. 3 in Grand Junction, Basil T. Knight Center, 2523 Patterson Rd.
- Thursday, Mar. 5 in Eagle, Old District Office, 757 E. Third St.
- Wednesday, Mar. 25 in Burlington, TBD

S.B. 08-212 requires that the Colorado State Board of Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education adopt a description of "postsecondary and workforce readiness" by Dec. 15, 2009.

Further, S.B. 08-212 seeks to establish a seamless pathway from preschool into college or the workplace. Essential to that pathway is an understanding of what it means to be ready for education or the workforce after high school and a plan to ensure that students take the necessary courses and master the content to do so.

The description of postsecondary and workforce readiness will provide a bookend to a description of "school readiness," which was adopted by the Colorado State Board of Education in December, 2008.

These descriptions of school readiness and postsecondary and workforce readiness will guide the final selection of new statewide model content standards, which are being revised for the first time since they were adopted 13 years ago.

For more information on the teacher tours and S.B. 08-212, contact Samantha Long, Project Manager for S.B. 08-212 at long_s@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-3801.

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