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News Release

Facility Schools Board's First Meeting is Friday, Feb. 6

The first meeting of the Facility Schools Board is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 6 in Lakewood.

The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Warren Tech, 13300 W. 2nd Place, Founder's Room, in Lakewood.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Election of chairman pro-tem
- Election of officers
- Open meetings requirements
- Review of House Bill 08-1204
- Review of draft operating procedures
- Set schedule of meetings
- Set priorities for the work of the board
- Opportunity for the public to address the board

About the Facility Schools Board

House Bill 08-1204, the Facility Schools Bill, establishes a board that consists of seven members appointed by the Colorado State Board of Education. The Facility Schools Board will work to improve the educational outcomes of students placed in residential, day treatment and hospital programs.

The board will adopt curriculum standards and set graduation requirements for facility schools. It is also charged with adopting accountability measures, including academic performance measures and awarding high school diplomas to students in approved facility schools who meet the graduation requirements.

Board members represent school districts (2), approved facilities (2), state placing agencies (1) and country placing agencies (1). They are:

- Kay Cessna, retired executive director of student services, Jeffco Public Schools
- Brad Schultz, special education director, Park School District R-3
- Steven Ramirez, executive director, Shiloh Homes
- David Molineux, special education director, Jefferson Hills and Gateway programs
- Barb Taylor, Division of Youth Corrections
- Laura Writebol, Denver Human Services

There is also a seat for a person representing consumers, who as a child attended a facility school or the parent of a child who attended a facility school. That seat will be appointed by the Colorado State Board of Education at the Feb. 18 meeting. No applications for that seat were received at the time the other members were appointed.

In addition, the legislation requires the implementation of a statewide student data system to maintain grades and transcripts of students in facilities. A new office was created within CDE to perform administrative responsibilities related to facility schools.

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