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Capital Construction Assistance Board Recommends BEST Projects to Colorado State Board of Education

The Capital Construction Assistance Board (CCAB) submitted 11 Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) recommendations to the Colorado State Board of Education for consideration and possible approval.

Selected projects include:

- Alamosa School District RE-11J; two new elementary schools will replace three elementary schools
- Sangre De Cristo School District RE-22J; new PK-12 school
- Centennial School District R-1; new PK-12 school (supplemental)
- Edison School District 54-JT; new elementary school (supplemental)
- Buffalo School District RE-4; junior/senior high school renovation/addition (supplemental)
- Weldon Valley School District RE-20(J); core area remodel, physical education and athletic facilities upgrade (supplemental)
- Holly School District RE-3; partial roof replacement (supplemental)
- Pueblo City Schools; final phase to district-wide fire and security (supplemental)
- Sargent School District RE-33J; new junior/senior high school and elementary school renovation
- South Routt School District RE-3; district-wide HVAC replacement with renewable technology (supplemental)

- Mountain Valley School District RE-1; roofing and repair under designed structure (supplemental)

The prioritized list of projects for the state board includes recommendations regarding the amount of financial assistance given to a project, the type of financial assistance to be provided and the amount and source of matching money for each project.

CCAB began accepting applications in mid-January and finalized their recommendations at a meeting on Tuesday. The state board will give their final approval at their March 2009 state board meeting. Precise meeting dates will be announced soon at http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_sbe.htm. Projects approved by the state board will be awarded after March 19.

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 BEST project recommendations, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstMain.htm>

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