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News Release

Facility Schools Board's Next Meeting is Friday, March 6

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

The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Warren Tech, 13300 W. 2nd Place, in Lakewood.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Approval of minutes from prior meeting
- Facility schools unit update
 - Student data system
 - Staff positions
 - Colorado Student Assessment Program
- Graduation requirements
 - System for school districts—a description of the current process for graduation from public schools
 - System for facilities—description of the current process and road blocks to graduation for students in placement
 - Governor's task force document—review of the report from the Governor's Graduation Guidelines Development Council
 - Approaches to graduation—examples of the types and varieties of procedures for high school graduation

- Next steps
- Opportunity for the public to address the board

Meetings of the Facility Schools Board are generally scheduled for the first Friday of each month, except for the July 2009 meeting. All meetings will be held at Warren Tech, 13300 W. 2nd Place, in Lakewood. Meetings will begin at 8 a.m. and end at the conclusion of the agenda.

2009 Meeting Dates

March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4.

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.

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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