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News Release

Teacher Tour Arrives in Burlington on March 25 to Discuss CAP4K

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

This meeting is scheduled from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, at the Burlington Community Center, 340 South 14th St.

The final meeting of a 13-stop tour across the state, the purpose of the meeting is to identify teacher understanding of Senate Bill 08-212, also known as CAP4K. The tour stops 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 meeting will be led by CDE Assistant Commissioner Jeanette Cornier and CAP4K Project Manager Samantha Long.

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 the 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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