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## **News Release**

### ***Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board Announces Next Meeting April 1***

The next meeting of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is scheduled for 9–11 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, at 1525 Sherman St., Suite B-70, Denver.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Approve the minutes from the prior meeting.
- Update on the status of the statewide facilities assessment.
- Approve a motion to recommend three grants to the State Board of Education. These grants are for projects that have been approved by the state board as BEST COP (certificates of participation) grant projects. Since the COP funding won't be available until later in 2009, it is necessary to provide funding now so these projects will be "permit ready" when the COP financing is completed. These grants will allow the projects to complete testing and begin the necessary architectural planning, design and surveying.
- Briefing on LEED (Leadership in Energy Efficient Design) and CO-CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) programs.
- Briefing from Colorado State Treasurer on BEST funding (10 a.m.).

- Discussion regarding future meetings and meeting sites.

For more information on the rulemaking hearings, contact Ted Hughes, director, Public School Capital Construction Assistance, at 303-866-6948.

### **About BEST**

The BEST legislation increases the level of financial assistance provided to school districts, charter schools 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 uncrowded environment conducive to student learning.

For more information on the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board and to read board minutes, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstmain.htm>

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