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Board of Education Meeting—Wednesday, April 8

The Colorado State Board of Education approved all agenda items at its meeting this month (Wednesday, April 8) including the certification of online program from Denver Public Schools, the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) grant award recommendations, and procedures for Innovation School Act applications.

The action on BEST allows three school districts to begin work immediately on architectural planning and design on school improvement projects. The grants are to Alamosa School District Re-11J (\$1.5 million), Sangre de Cristo School District (\$1.5 million) and Sargent Re-33J (\$1 million). The grants will be paid out of the Capital School Construction Assistance Fund and be repaid by COP (certificates of participation) grants approved by the State Board of Education in March 2009.

In addition, the board approved three disciplinary proceedings, requests for 17 emergency initial authorizations, a request for one emergency renewal authorizations, the principal/administrator induction program submitted by Academy School District 20 and the teacher/special services provider induction program submitted by Hope Online Learning Academy.

The board also:

- Approved new member nominations and appointments to the Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee
- Acknowledged Exclusive Chartering Authority to certain school districts.

- Certified the amounts payable to school districts for the Public School Finance Act of 1994.
- On the appeal of Fremont School District Re-2 pursuant to Exceptional Children's Educational Act Rule 7.07, the Board took the matter under advisement for their May meeting.

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