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State Board of Education Meeting Recap — Thursday, May 14

The Colorado State Board of Education today approved exclusive chartering authority for Adams County School District 50, Colorado Springs School District 11 and Montezuma-Cortez School District Re-1.

Districts are given exclusive chartering authority if they “can show a recent pattern of providing fair and equitable treatment to its charter schools,” according to state laws. Exclusive chartering authority status gives local boards the sole authority to authorize a charter within a school district.

The Colorado State Board of Education also approved all items on its agenda, including:

- Waiver request from certain statutes by the Charter School Institute on behalf of GOAL Academy.
- Waiver request from certain statutes by the Charter School Institute on behalf of Early College High School at Arvada.
- Waiver request from certain statutes by the Charter School Institute on behalf of St. Vrain Community Montessori School.
- Certification of the multi-district online program submitted by Academy Online High School.

- Disciplinary proceedings concerning applications for an authorization—charges numbered 2004EC32, 2004EC26, 2004EC05, 2004EC20 and 2004EC04.
- Eleven requests for emergency initial authorizations.
- The five year re-authorization of the teacher preparation programs at the University of Phoenix and Jones International University.
- The principal induction program submitted by Landmark Academy.
- The teacher/special services provider induction program submitted by Colorado Connections Academy.
- Notice of rulemaking regarding proposed amendments to the rules for the administration of the Exceptional Children’s Educational Act.
- Amendments to the rules for the administration of Colorado Data Reporting for School Accreditation.
- Approving repeal of 1 CCR 301-21, Administration of County Equalization Grant Programs and 1 CCR 301-23 – Administration of the Colorado Library Network – Payment for Lending Program (COLOUET-PFL) and approving amendments 1 CCR 301-22, Regional Library Services System and 1 CCR 301-28 – Administration of the State Publications Depository and Distribution Center.
- Voted to uphold the Department of Education’s decision to not allow Fremont School District RE-2 to withdraw from the South Central BOCES. The vote was 4-3. The request to withdraw was made pursuant to Colorado’s Exceptional Children’s Educational Act rules. The South Central BOCES had opposed the withdrawal of the district.
- Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Grand Award recommendations regarding Dolores School District RE-4A and Hoehne School District 3.

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