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News Release

Meeting To Adopt “Postsecondary And Workforce Readiness” Description is Tuesday, June 30

The Colorado State Board of Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education will jointly host a meeting in Denver to adopt a description of “postsecondary and workforce readiness.”

The meeting is at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30 at the State Capitol, 136 State Capitol, House Committee Room 112 in Denver.

Items on the agenda include:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Comments from Governor Bill Ritter Jr.
- Opening Remarks - David Skaggs, Executive Director, Department of Higher Education and Dwight D. Jones, Commissioner, Department of Education
- Purpose, Background and Presentation of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Description
- Invited Comments from K-12, Higher Education and the Business Community
- Open Conversation and Feedback from SBE and CCHE
- Adoption of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Description

- Next Steps, Implementation of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness and Senate Bill 08-212
- Adjourn

S.B. 08-212 requires that the 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” that was adopted by the state board in December 2008.

These descriptions of school readiness and postsecondary and workforce readiness will guide the final selection of new statewide academic standards, which are being revised for the first time since they were adopted in 1994.

To read the draft definition, visit

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdegen/downloads/PWRdraftforJune30meeting62309.pdf>

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