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News Release

Colorado Model Content Standards Stakeholders Meet Monday, Aug. 3 in Steamboat Springs

Key stakeholders will gather for the tenth time on Monday, Aug. 3 as part of the ongoing process to review and revise the state's model content standards — descriptions of what every student is expected to learn by subject and grade.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Steamboat Grand Resort, Spring Creek Conference Room, 2300 Mt. Werner Circle, in Steamboat Springs.

The agenda includes:

- 8:45-10:15 a.m. - Aligning the standards to school readiness and postsecondary and workforce readiness
- 10:30-11:15 - Updates
 1. Common Core Standards
 2. Phase I: Math, Science, Music, Reading Writing/Communicating
 3. Phase II: Social Studies and Personal Financial Literacy
 4. Phase III: Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, Health and Physical Education, and World Languages
 5. English Language Development
 6. Expanded Benchmarks

- 11:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. - Dissemination and Implementation Planning
What do we need to provide that enables the effective use of the revised standards?
 1. Review Purpose from June Meeting
 2. How do we create equal partnerships with districts, higher education, early childhood, business?
 - Who should receive it?
 - What should they receive?
 - Why should they receive it?
 - When should they receive it?
 - What are our expectations from the recipients?
 3. How do we know we've been successful?

- 3:30-4 p.m. The Next Steps
 1. Continued Role of the Standards Stakeholders Committee
 2. Next Meeting: Sept. 25 in Keystone

The Colorado State Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education have launched a comprehensive revision of all 13 Colorado Model Content Standards. These standards are the expectations for what students in preschool through twelfth grade must know and be able to do. They were first created and adopted in 1993. This work to modernize state standards will review the current standards with an eye toward incorporating 21st century skills, postsecondary readiness, career/workforce skills and early school readiness.

For more information on the standards review process, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/standardsreview.html>.

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