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## **News Release**

### ***State Board Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, Oct. 7 and Thursday, Oct. 8; Eight Students with Perfect ACT Scores to be Honored***

The Colorado State Board of Education this week will hold a work session on Wednesday, Oct. 7 and its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8.

The meetings will begin each day at 9 a.m. in the first-floor board room at the Colorado Department of Education offices, 201 E. Colfax Ave. in Denver.

During the Thursday meeting, the board and the Colorado Department of Education will honor eight students from across the state who earned a perfect score on the Colorado American College Test (ACT) during the 2008-2009 school year. Colorado is one of eight states that provide the ACT to all juniors in Colorado public schools. This Colorado ACT was administered on April 22, 2009.

A luncheon will follow at a downtown hotel.

The eight students scored a perfect 36 on their Colorado ACT. They are Daniel Bragg (Fairview High School, Boulder Valley Schools); Catherine Chen (also Fairview High School); Joshua Burns (Liberty High School, Academy School District 20); Hannah McGehee (George Washington High School, Denver Public Schools); Thomas Rueter (Thornton High School, Adams 12 Five Star Schools); Richard Shulte (Fort Collins High School, Poudre School District R-1); Amani Moin

(Loveland High School, Thompson School District R-2 J), and Margaret Koehler (Lewis-Palmer High School, Lewis-Palmer School District 38).

Each student will be presented with a certificate of achievement. The perfect-scoring students, their parents, principals, superintendents and school board members have all been invited to attend the board meeting and luncheon.

Following are the remaining agendas for the work session and the regular meeting:

**Wednesday, Oct. 7**

- Call to order, roll call, Pledge of Allegiance
- State board of education reports
- Report from Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones
- Report from CDE staff
  - Communications office
  - Budget update
  - Update—S.B. 08-212 standards revision, Phase I, II and III
  - Update—S.B. 08-212 assessments
- Lunch—The board will hold an executive session to discussion legal and/or personnel matters.
- Timed item:
  - 2 p.m., rulemaking hearing on the rules governing Food and Nutrition Services
- Reports from CDE staff (continued)
  - Presentation on the TELL Colorado statewide teacher survey interim report
- Presentation by the New Teacher Project (TNTP) on “The Widget Effect: Our National Failure to Acknowledge and Act on Differences in Teacher Effectiveness.”

- Update on protocol and prevention strategies regarding the H1N1 virus.
- Information only – 2009 legislative priorities; rules pertaining to the administration of the Colorado School Children's Asthma Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Health Management Act; the rules governing standards for career and academic plans.
- Public comment

### **Thursday, Oct. 8**

- Call to order, approval of agenda, opportunity for consent agenda
- Approval of the agenda
- Opportunity for consent motion
- Legislative update (current legislative issues, including discussion of S.B.09-163 and the status of the Public School Finance Interim Committee and other interim committee activities).
- Timed item—10:30 a.m.
  - Rulemaking hearing on the proposed amendment to the rules for the administration of the Protection of Persons from Restraint Act.

If you wish to testify at the public rulemaking hearing, each speaker will be limited to three minutes. Written testimony is also welcome and will be considered by the state board. Please submit written testimony prior to the hearing to:  
[state.board.efilings@cde.state.co.us](mailto:state.board.efilings@cde.state.co.us).

- Approval of requests for emergency renewal authorizations (5 total)
- Approval of requests for initial emergency authorizations (13 total)
- Approval of the Early Childhood Education Teacher Preparation Program submitted by the University of Phoenix.

- Approval of the New Instructional Technology Specialist Endorsement Teacher Preparation Program submitted by Colorado State University—Pueblo.
- Approval of the new K-12 Spanish Teacher Preparation Program submitted by the University of Northern Colorado.
- Disciplinary proceedings concerning an application for a license charge No. 2009EC09.
- Disciplinary proceedings concerning license no. 404812.
- Approval of notice of rulemaking pertaining to the authorization of charter schools as Food Service Authorities.
- Approval of rules governing Food and Nutrition Services, 1 CCR 301-3.
- Approval of notice of rulemaking pertaining to 1 CCR 301-69, amendments to the rules for the administration of Closing the Achievement Gap.
- Appointments to the State Advisory Council for Parent Involvement in Education pursuant to S.B.09-90.
- A waiver request from certain statutes by the Adams 12 Five Star School District on behalf of Academy of Charter Schools.
- Approval of tuition rates for Rocky Mountain Deaf School for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Recognition of students with perfect scores on the ACT exam.

For additional information about each agenda item or to review the proposed rules, please visit the state board's Web page for agendas: <http://www.boarddocs.com/co/cde/Board.nsf/Public>

**Please note:** The Colorado Department of Education offices will be closed Friday, Oct. 9 for a state-mandated furlough day.

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