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News Release

Round Two Of CAP4K Town Hall Meetings Begin in Pueblo Next Week To Discuss School Readiness and Assessments for Grades P-6

The Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education will jointly host a town hall meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4 in Pueblo to begin conversations devoted to school readiness and assessments for preschool through grade six.

The meeting will be held at the Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Main St., Fortino Grand Hall A in Pueblo from 5 to 7 p.m.

Earlier this year, CDE and the department of higher education conducted a 13-city regional tour that specifically focused on postsecondary and workforce readiness and the skills and competencies Colorado students need to succeed after high school.

The second round of the tour will focus on the next phase the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K) implementation, redesigning Colorado's state assessment system. The tour will be split into two parts, one devoted

to school readiness and assessments for preschool through sixth grade and one devoted to postsecondary and workforce readiness and assessments for secondary grades.

Town hall meetings on school readiness and assessments for P-6 grades will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on the following dates/locations:

- Tuesday, Jan. 26 in Colorado Springs
- Thursday, Jan. 28 in Ft. Morgan
- Thursday, Feb. 4 in Limon
- Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Cortez
- Wednesday, March 17 in Steamboat Springs
- Wednesday, March 24 in Glenwood Springs

Town hall meetings on postsecondary and workforce readiness and assessments for secondary grades will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on the following dates/locations:

- Tuesday, Dec. 15 in Boulder
- Wednesday, Jan. 20 in Denver
- Tuesday, Feb. 16 in Grand Junction
- Wednesday, Feb. 17 in Gunnison
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 in Alamosa
- Wednesday, March 31 in Greeley
- Thursday, March 4 in Pueblo

Note: The schedule is still being finalized and specific dates/locations may be subject to change. Updated schedules will be available at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdegen/SB212.htm> and <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/cap4k/cap4k.html>

Educators, students, parents, business and community members and interested citizens are invited to the meetings. The purpose is to consider what it takes to design the next generation of state assessments.

The town hall forums will focus on such questions as:

- What is being assessed?
- When it comes to assessment, what matters most?
- If you can't have everything, how do you decide?
- Once up and running well, what is the impact?

Please R.S.V.P. for these meeting by contacting Vanessa Roman at 303-866-6678 or roman_v@cde.state.co.us.

Under S.B. 08-212 or CAP4K, Colorado is required to adopt a revised system of assessments that aligns with the updated state content standards. The revised system must include both school readiness and postsecondary and workforce readiness assessments; formative assessment; summative assessment; and the assessments for special populations (English language learners and students on an Individualized Education Plan).

For more information, visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdegen/SB212.htm>

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