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News Release

State Board To Review Draft Model Content Standards and Hear Public Comment At Nov. 11 Work Session

The Colorado State Board of Education will devote their monthly work session on Wednesday, Nov. 11 to review the draft model content standards and hear public comment. The regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Following is the agenda for Nov. 11:

- 10:00 a.m., Presentation of standards review process
- 10:20 a.m., World languages
- 10:40 a.m., Social studies
- 11:00 a.m., Science
- 11:20 a.m., Reading, writing and communicating
- 11:40 p.m., Presentation by the Colorado Community College system on the alignment of revised standards and career and technical education standards
- 12:10 p.m., Brief lunch break
- 12:40 p.m., Mathematics
- 1:00 p.m., English language development
- 1:20 p.m., Comprehensive health and physical education
- 1:40 p.m., Arts: Visual arts
- 2:00 p.m., Arts: Music
- 2:20 p.m., Arts: Drama and theatre arts
- 2:40 p.m., Arts: Dance
- 3:00 p.m., Closing

This agenda is subject to change. Please check the state board Web site at http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_sbe.htm on or after Wednesday, Nov. 4 to confirm the agenda. The final drafts of the standards will be available Saturday, Nov. 7 after 1:30 p.m. at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/UAS/DraftStandards.html>

Public comment is welcome and will be limited to three minutes per speaker and must focus on the specific area being discussed. Participants must sign in prior to the publicized time for the specific content area which they wish to address. The chairman will call those who wish to speak in the order on the sign-up sheet. If you wish to participate, please contact Angela Norlander at 303-866-6931 or Norlander_a@cde.state.co.us

Written comments may be submitted on or before Friday, Nov. 20 to: Standards_Review_Com@cde.state.co.us

The Colorado State Board of Education is expected to adopt new Colorado Academic Standards by December 2009 following a nearly two-year conversation involving 13 model content standards— civics; dance; economics; geography; health and physical education; history; math; music; reading, writing and communicating; science; theatre; visual art and world languages; and English language development standards.

In 2007 the state board recommended a comprehensive revision to the Colorado Model Content Standards. Senate Bill 08-212 (also known as CAP4K—the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids) affirmed revisions and expanded outcomes should include a seamless pathway from preschool into postsecondary education or the workforce.

Colorado is also required to adopt a revised system of assessments that aligns with the updated state content standards. An assessment stakeholder committee met for the first time on Monday, Oct. 26 to explore options for the new assessment system.

For more information, visit http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/index_osa.html

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